

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 18, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN- FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, & TARENA HILL

EMPLOYEES – MICHAEL HATCHER, RICK MCCREA, CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER

MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

2ND ON AGENDA: HDR Report – Fred Barela made a motion to approve the draft version of the Wastewater System Engineering Report. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

3RD ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Kelly Wheeler told council the handbook is still with Deana Despaw for round 2 of edits. Table until the May 5, 2022, council meeting.

4TH ON AGENDA: GATE VALVE REPAIRS – Mayor John Arrington has still not yet talked to Stephens and Sons regarding repairs due to Shannon Stephens' busy schedule. Table until the May 5, 2022, council meeting.

5TH ON AGENDA: CITY USE OF COUNTY'S ANNEX BUILDING FOR CITY COURT - Rick McCrea told the council that the individuals at the county government whom Mike Cupp needs to talk to regarding the subject have not been available. Table until the May 5, 2022, council meeting.

6TH ON AGENDA: INCREASING COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS FOR WATER/SEWER: Fred Barela asked the city clerk, Kelly Wheeler, to send an e-mail to the city's attorney asking him to compose an ordinance regarding increasing the deposits for commercial water/sewer users who are habitually late in payments and/or who close their seasonal businesses with a balance due, causing the city to hold a balance until the seasonal business opens again in the spring. Table until the May 5, 2022, council meeting.

7TH ON AGENDA: MO-DOT's MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR ADA WORK: City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, presented documents from MO-DOT regarding ADA work in the vicinity of Main Street and 3rd Street and Community Church Lane. Fred Barela and Tarena Hill asked for the documents to be scanned and e-mailed to them for closer review. Also, Fred Barela suggested when MO-DOT sends the Municipal Agreement for signature, this is reviewed first by the city's attorney before Mayor Arrington signs. Kelly Wheeler confirmed, when she receives the agreement, she will submit it to the city attorney first.

8TH ON AGENDA: PUMP MOTORS FOR THE FILTERING SYSTEM AT THE SEWER PLANT: Maintenance supervisor, Michael Hatcher, discussed the recent event at the wastewater treatment facility where both water pumps inside the drum filters have blown caps off due to clogs that cause pressure increases. One of the two pumps has been located for a cost of approximately \$1600. The second pump is not as readily available, and maintenance is attempting to find and purchase the second pump.

Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pump with a cost cap of \$1600. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Fred Barela added to the motion saying we need to compare pricing, using Preferred Pump in Springfield, before making the purchase. Also, the council asked Carmen Malloy to investigate the situation further with a call to Greenway who manages the wastewater treatment facility.

During this discussion, a second malfunctioning pump was discussed. The grinder pump on Maple Street is weak and will need replacing soon. This is a more common pump and is readily available for order. Vonda Barela questioned why we are not immediately replacing the weak pump. Carmen Malloy responded that we want to get as much usage from a pump as possible before replacement. Tarena Hill made a motion to go ahead and purchase the grinder pump for Maple Street with the cost not to exceed \$5000. Vonda Barela 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.

9th ON AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS –

John Arrington – – Tornado siren project is progressing. Placement of the service pole is being decided. The pole needs to be set close to the generator at the wastewater facility, so the siren can be tied into the generator for backup power. Also, Liberty Electric has confirmed they will donate the pole and set it.

Fred Barela – No

Vonda Barela – No

Tarena Hill – No

Kelly Wheeler – No

Carmen Malloy – No

Michael Hatcher – No

Rick McCrea – No

10th ON AGENDA IS NEW BUSINESS –

John Arrington – No

Fred Barela – No

Vonda Barela – Wants to know if we can charge an “institutional” rate to county for water/sewer. Asked City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, to e-mail city attorney regarding this and ask if he would compose an ordinance for the proposed institutional rate.

Tarena Hill – No

Kelly Wheeler – No

Carmen Malloy – No

Michael Hatcher – No

Rick McCrea – No

11th ON AGENDA IS BILLS AND FINANCES – Tarena Hill made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

12th ON AGENDA IS APPROVE MINUTES FROM 04/07/2022 – Tarena Hill made a motion to approve minutes from 4/07/2022. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Vonda Barela made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.