

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 5, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN- DEANA WELLS, FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, & TARENA HILL

EMPLOYEES – MICHAEL HATCHER, MIKE CUPP, CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER

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

2ND ON AGENDA: CITY ATTORNEY – Mel Gilbert reviewed past topics to confirm completion.

He also confirmed the city's fireworks order has been submitted, and he will need to know, at the next meeting, when the city plans to pick up the fireworks.

Mel Gilbert discussed the Missouri Bridge Project which allows cities to apply for grant money to demolish old bridges that need repair. Discussion centered on the historic status of the Y-Bridge which may eliminate the city's eligibility for such grant funds.

Also discussed was the state's ARPA funding that is becoming available. Mel mentioned an upcoming webinar where the details about the funding could be obtained. The City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, stated she was aware of the upcoming webinar and has already registered to attend.

There was also discussion regarding recodification of the city's ordinances regarding the water and sewer rates and deposits.

Lastly discussed with the city attorney was the tornado siren project. Mel Gilbert commended the council for the excellent pricing they obtained for the project. Compared to another city, Galena's cost for the project is much lower. Mayor John Arrington informed council the pole placement has been selected, and Dig Rite has been called to confirm there is no conflicting utilities at the site. City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, also mentioned the actual siren will be a higher horsepower than what was originally quoted. Due to the increased diameter of the pole that Liberty Utilities will be donating, Table Rock Alerting Systems had the option of retrofitting the smaller horsepower siren that was shown on the quote or providing a larger siren to fit the pole's diameter. Table Rock Alerting Systems decided to upgrade the siren size at no additional cost to the city. Liberty Utilities will be setting the pole for the tornado siren and will need to dig a hole 10 foot deep for placement. They have asked for a liability waiver from the city releasing the utility company from any damages that could possibly occur during the setting of the utility pole. Deana Wells made a motion to have mayor sign the release for Liberty Utilities. Vonda Barela 2nd. All Agree, motion passed.

3rd ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK –Subject is tabled until the May 16, 2022, council meeting.

4th ON AGENDA: GATE VALVE REPAIRS – Subject is tabled until the May 16, 2022, council meeting.

5th ON AGENDA: CITY USE OF COUNTY'S ANNEX BUILDING FOR CITY COURT - Mike Cupp has discussed the city's usage of the building, and the county requests rent for usage. Deana Wells made a motion to offer \$50 rent for 2 hours usage once a month. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mike Cupp will present the offer to the county officials.

6th ON AGENDA: INCREASING COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS FOR WATER/SEWER: The subject was addressed with the city attorney but was tabled until the May 16, 2022, council meeting for further discussion.

7th ON AGENDA: PUMP MOTORS FOR THE FILTERING SYSTEM AT THE SEWER PLANT: Subject is tabled until the May 16, 2022, council meeting.

8th ON AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS –

John Arrington – No
Fred Barela – No
Vonda Barela – No
Tarena Hill – No
Kelly Wheeler – No
Carmen Malloy – No
Michael Hatcher – No
Rick McCrea – No

9th ON AGENDA IS NEW BUSINESS –

John Arrington – No
Fred Barela – No
Vonda Barela – No
Tarena Hill – No
Kelly Wheeler – No
Carmen Malloy – No
Michael Hatcher – No

Fred Barela left the meeting early at 7:20. Before dismissing himself, he did inquire about the status of Amber Wilson's number of dogs remaining. Mike Cupp informed the council that Amber Wilson has placed multiple dogs and has just a few more to find homes for.

10th ON AGENDA IS BILLS AND FINANCES – Deana Wells made a motion to approve and pay bills. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

11th ON AGENDA IS APPROVE MINUTES FROM 04/07/2022 – Minute approval was tabled until the May 16, 2022, council meeting.

Deana Wells made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.