

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 7, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

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

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

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

2ND ON AGENDA: CITY ATTORNEY – MEL GILBERT – Mr. Gilbert reviewed prices and verbiage on a draft ordinance regarding utility deposits.

3RD ON AGENDA: ORDINANCE REGARDING LIBERTY ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE – Mr. Gilbert explained the ordinance regarding Liberty Electric’s rate increase. The ordinance will not increase the city’s tax rate but will keep it the same. Fred Barela made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a first reading of the ordinance by title only. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title. Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the first reading. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Fred Barela made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a second reading of the ordinance by title only. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title a second time. Vonda Barela made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree motion passed.

4TH ON AGENDA: MO DOT RESOLUTION – Mr. Gilbert reviewed the MO DOT proposal with the council, looking at the maps and discussing the project details which include putting in sidewalks that will not be charged back to the city. City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, explained a resolution will be needed to give her and the mayor permission to sign the agreement with MO DOT. Vonda Barela made a motion to draw up a resolution giving Mayor and City Clerk permission to sign the agreement. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

5TH ON AGENDA: ORDINANCE #122 INOPERABLE VEHICLES – City Attorney reviewed with council the current city ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles. Officer Rick McCrea presented a copy of the city of Springfield’s ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles. There was a discussion regarding updating the city’s ordinance. Fred Barela made a motion to table the subject to give council time to review the Springfield ordinance. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree motion passed.

6TH ON AGENDA: FIREWORKS ORDINANCE – Council discussed the need for a firework ordinance to limit the timespan fireworks can be shot off and to address cleaning up the debris left after shooting fireworks. Tarena Hill made a motion to table the subject and obtain copies of other towns’ ordinance for examples. Deana Despaw 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

7TH ON AGENDA: VACATING SPRING STREET – A citizen of the city has asked for vacating of Spring Street because they want to put a fence up. City attorney advised if the street is vacated, the city should still maintain the utility easement. Mayor Arrington informed council there is water pressure reducing

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station up the hillside on Spring Street. Tarena Hill made a motion to not vacate Spring Street. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

After the motion was passed, council discussed a fence that is on the city utility easement at 4th and Hill. Deana Despaw made a motion to have the city send a letter to property owner at 4th and Hill stating they must remove any obstruction over the city utility easement. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

8th ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – The project has been handed back to city clerk for completion. Fred Barela made a motion to table the subject until the next meeting. Deana Despaw 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

9th ON AGENDA: GATE VALVE REPAIRS – Mayor reminded council that Shannon Stephens will do the gate valve repairs before he does the street paving. Council discussed with Carmen Malloy the number of gate valves in the city's inventory which is two 6-inch valves. Carmen informed council the approximate cost is \$800 per valve. Fred Barela made a motion to purchase 5 gate valves. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Deana Despaw made a motion to take a short break. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Vonda Barela made a motion to resume the council meeting. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

10th ON AGENDA: WELL HOUSE ROOFING BIDS – Council reviewed the two bids city has received. Neither bid addresses the cost of replacing rafters. Fred Barela said he thinks the rafters/framing for the roof are rotted. Deana Despaw commented the bids do not cover any workmanship warranty and the material descriptions on the two bids do not match. Deana Despaw made a motion to table the subject until updated bids (that include a formula for how the roofer would charge for rafter repair) are received. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

11th ON AGENDA: DOOR SIGN AND NEW HOSE SECTION FOR SLUDGE TRUCK – Carmen Malloy informed council the door sign for sludge truck has been received and installed on truck. Mayor Arrington informed council that he thinks we need to wait to purchase the new hose section until city has more funds due to the excessive cost of fixing leaks so far this summer. Subject is tabled for now.

12th ON AGENDA: FLOOD INSURANCE RENEWAL OPTIONS – City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, reviewed the pricing options for the flood insurance renewal. Tarena Hill made a motion to go with option B. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

13th ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS – Deana Despaw made a motion to go into closed session. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Deana Despaw made a motion to come out of closed session. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Deana Despaw made a motion to terminate the employment of the current Code Enforcement Officer. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

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14th ON AGENDA IS OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor John Arrington – No Old Business

Deana Despaw – No Old Business

Fred Barela – No Old Business

Vonda Barela – No Old Business

Tarena Hill – No Old Business

Kelly Wheeler – No Old Business

Michael Hatcher – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

Carmen Malloy – Carmen presented her sewer rate report showing what the city would lose if the rates were lowered.

Second, Carmen presented the sealing and striping bids she received and informed council that striping and sealing cannot be done until 30 days after the new pavement is down on Maple Street only.

Third, Carmen reviewed the bid she received for trash service. The current service provider is raising the rates, which is the first increase in four to five years with this company. The bid was much higher than our current service provider, even with their new rate increase. Carmen also informed the council the current trash service provider will be at the August 4th meeting to meet with council and address any questions or concerns.

Last, Carmen presented to council the business licenses that were recently renewed. Council approved the renewals.

15th ON AGENDA IS NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Arrington – Informed council the city has a break in the sewer line on the high school property. While attempting to fix the broken sewer line, a major water leak was discovered. This is still an ongoing project, and the source of the water leak has yet to be found. Missouri Rural Water has been out once to look for the source of the water leak, but they were not successful and cannot return for over a week. In the meantime, R&K Water will come out and try to find the source of the leak. If R&K is not successful, we will have Missouri Rural Water return to make a second attempt to locate the water leak.

Mayor also asked city attorney, Mel Gilbert, if he could find out from Hale Fireworks whether the fireworks that got wet would be stable enough to shoot after they are dried out. Deana Despaw inquired about the payment to the individual who was contracted to handle the lighting of the fireworks. Carmen Malloy informed the council the fireworks professional will return to light the remainder of the fireworks at no extra cost to the city. A make-up date was discussed but not determined.

Kelly Wheeler – Presented a resolution and explained its purpose is to give her permission to apply for the DNR Grant using State of Missouri ARPA funds for wastewater projects as outlined in the city's Wastewater System Engineering Report. Vonda Barela made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-2 giving the city clerk the authority to apply for the grant. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

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Carmen Malloy – Presented two bids for replacing the lettering decals on the front glass of City Hall. Deana Despaw made a motion to have Sign Pro do the replacement lettering. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

There was also discussion regarding street damage which occurred when employees of JRO pulled a flood-damaged trailer through the city and back to the campground, damaging four streets by cutting a groove in the pavement. The streets involved were Elm, Oak, Fifth and Y-Bridge Blvd with the groove actually turning into the JRO Campground. Mayor John Arrington witnessed a tractor picking up trash along the route the employees took with the flood-damaged trailer.

Deana Despaw – No New Business

Vonda Barela – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Michael Hatcher – No New Business

Rick McCrea – No New Business

16th ON AGENDA IS BILLS AND FINANCES – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

17th ON AGENDA IS APPROVE MINUTES FROM 6/2/2022– Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the 6/2/2022 minutes. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Deana Despaw made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.