

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 15, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN PRESENT- FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, & TARENA HILL. ABSENT WAS DEANA DESPAW.
EMPLOYEES –CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER, MIKE CUPP, MICHAEL HATCHER, RICK MCCREA
MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 P.M.

2ND ON AGENDA: WATER/SEWER DEPOSIT ORDINANCE – Council reviewed the new ordinance presented by attorney Mel Gilbert which he composed based on prior council discussions. 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. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Tarena Hill made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a second reading of the ordinance by title only. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title a second time. Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree motion passed.

3RD ON AGENDA: HAZARD MITIGATION ADOPTION RESOLUTION – City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, discussed the hazard mitigation meetings she attended and reviewed the city’s action sheets which were turned into Thomas Cunningham with Southwest Missouri Council of Governments. Fred Barela made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a first reading of the resolution by title only. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the resolution by title. Fred Barela made a motion to approve the first reading. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Tarena Hill made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a second reading of the resolution by title only. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the resolution by title a second time. Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

4TH ON AGENDA: WELL HOUSE ROOFING CONTRACT – City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, informed the council the roofing company accepted the city attorney’s changes to the roofing contract and submitted a corrected contract with all the edits requested by the city attorney. The contract was signed by mayor, and work will begin on Thursday the 18th of August or Friday the 19th of August.

5TH ON AGENDA: UPDATING ORDINANCE #122 REGARDING INOPERABLE VEHICLES – There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons regarding the new proposed ordinance. Tarena Hill made a motion to rescind the existing ordinance #122 and for Mayor Arrington to do a first reading of the new ordinance by title only. Fred Barela 2nd. Fred Barela and Tarena Hill voted yes, and Vonda Barela voted no. Motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title. Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the first reading. Fred Barela 2nd. Fred Barela and Tarena Hill voted yes, and Vonda Barela voted no. Motion passed. Tarena Hill made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a second reading of the ordinance by title only. Fred Barela 2nd. Fred Barela and Tarena Hill voted yes, and Vonda Barela voted no. Motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title a second time. Tarena Hill made a motion to

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approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Fred Barela 2nd. Fred Barela and Tarena Hill voted yes, and Vonda Barela voted no. Motion passed.

6th ON AGENDA: FIREWORKS ORDINANCE – Fred Barela made a motion to table the subject. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

7TH ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Mayor Arrington has reviewed a portion of the employee handbook and made notes on some topics he wanted to discuss or change. City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, presented the job descriptions for all the city hall employees, including the description she received from Officer Mike Cupp for the police. Fred Barela suggested the city should be keeping Safety Data Sheets on any and all chemicals kept by the city. Carmen Malloy said the sewer plant already had a book with SDS sheets for the chemicals there. Fred Barela said we need to keep SDS books for all chemicals, even the cleaning products kept at city hall. The subject of the employee handbook was then tabled until the next meeting to give the council members time to review the handbook. The City Clerk offered to e-mail a digital copy to the council members, but it was decided they wanted to review the printed copy.

8th ON AGENDA: GATE VALVE REPAIRS – Carmen Malloy reminded the council members that picking up the gate valves had been put on hold because the truck was in the shop. The subject was then tabled until the next meeting.

9th ON AGENDA: NEW HOSE SECTION FOR SLUDGE TRUCK – It was decided that Carmen Malloy or Michael Hatcher would investigate the cost for this and report at the next meeting.

10th ON AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS –

Mayor John Arrington – Mayor John Arrington informed council the city truck is back from the shop, and the cost of repair went a little over budget. He also informed council the truck needs new tires. Tarena Hill made a motion to purchase new tires. Vonda Barela 2nd. Roll call vote; Vonda Barela – Yes, Tarena Hill – Yes, Fred Barela – No. Motion passed.

Mayor John Arrington also reviewed with council the 3 major expenses the city has incurred since the beginning of the year. These included the well pump power surge, the tornado siren installation and the sewer line break behind the high school.

Fred Barela – Fred Barela asked about the new resident who was given 3 months to find homes for 14 dogs back in February of 2022. He wanted to know if she had met the goal set by the city. Michael Hatcher from Maintenance informed council he now sees only 3 dogs on the property.

Tarena Hill – No Old Business

Vonda Barela – No Old Business

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Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy discussed the new vinyl lettering on the front window of City Hall. The letters were supposed to be 9 inches tall, and the current lettering is 3 ½ inches. Carmen has already contacted the sign company, and they will be out later this week to remove the incorrect letters and apply the correct-sized letters to the front window.

Carmen Malloy also informed council that local businessman, Chris Conti, has asked if he could purchase the old slide from the city park to use in a treehouse project he is doing at his residence. Tarena Hill made a motion to let Chris Conti have the old slide at no cost. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Tarena Hill also asked when the new slide was to be delivered. Carmen informed her it was to ship in September. Tarena Hill said she knew someone who has volunteered to install the new slide at no charge.

Kelly Wheeler – Kelly Wheeler updated council regarding motions from the July 18, 2022, meeting to transfer funds and/or close a few specific accounts. This has been done except for the money market account. The reason for closing the money market account was because it had a lower percentage rate on interest as compared to the general fund interest rate. In researching this issue, Kelly found the city had 7 accounts with interest set at 0.1% and 6 accounts with interest set at 0.01%. Since the last meeting, the bank has increased the interest rates on those 6 accounts to 0.1%.

Mike Cupp – Officer Mike Cupp informed the council that his church would donate their old teeter-totter to the park.

Michael Hatcher – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

11th ON AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Tarena Hill – No New Business

Vonda Barela – No New Business

Carmen Malloy – No New Business

Kelly Wheeler – Kelly Wheeler informed council the clerks for the neighboring cities are starting a quarterly luncheon to round table issues and ideas. The first luncheon will be held on August 17, 2022. Kelly asked if council had any issues with her attendance, and there were no objections.

Mike Cupp – Officer Mike Cupp informed council the new Ordinance Officer, Casey Woodworth, has written 4 ordinance violation tickets.

Michael Hatcher – No New Business

Rick McCrea – No New Business

12th ON AGENDA: BILLS AND FINANCES –

Tarena Hill made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

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13th ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 7/18/2022 –

Vonda Barela made a motion to approve the 7/18/2022 meeting minutes. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Tarena Hill made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.