

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

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

EMPLOYEES –CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER, MIKE CUPP, RICK MCCREA

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

2ND ON AGENDA: Campground License – Citizens Chad Enochs and Harold Higgins did not appear at the meeting. Council discussed the definition of a campground and the need for an ordinance on campgrounds.

3rd ON AGENDA: Deana Wolfe – Parking – Deana Wolfe appeared before the City Council to discuss her concerns regarding parking on the square. Deana has witnessed cars driving multiple laps around the city square trying to find parking for the courthouse. She has also witnessed visitors having difficulty walking to the courthouse when there is no parking near the doors. Her concern is that the employees of the county offices and downtown businesses are taking the desirable parking spots and leaving visitors without close parking. Deana Wolfe informed council she would donate \$1000 towards the cost of signage for parking control. Council continued discussion after Deana Wolfe left the meeting. There was discussion on which streets to limit parking to 2 hours. It was decided to limit parking on the Main Street side and the 4th Street side of the courthouse and to limit parking on both sides of the two streets. Mayor Arrington has already met with the county commissioners regarding the parking issue. County employees will be encouraged to park in the two grass lots the county owns when it's dry and if the grass lots are wet, the employees can park on 5th Street or Maple Street without restrictions. Deana Despaw made a motion to have the city attorney create an ordinance to enforce the 2-hour parking restriction. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed

4th ON AGENDA: Street/Alley Vacating Bills 08-2022 and 09-2022 – Subject is tabled until the next meeting.

5th ON AGENDA: City Attorney – Mel Gilbert – Mr. Gilbert discussed several topics.

First, he informed council he was working on the contract dissolution and refund with FP Mailing Solutions for the postage meter machine that did not function properly because it would not complete an update.

Second, Mr. Gilbert asked if the city would work with a young man who wants to do community service in lieu of a speeding ticket fine. It was discussed but turned down because any volunteers would have to be accompanied by a city employee for the duration of the service.

Third, Mr. Gilbert asked about the progress of the MO-DOT sidewalk project and was told construction has begun.

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Fourth, Mr. Gilbert informed council he has mailed the ordinance reaffirming the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon electric corporations conducting business within the city. City Clerk, Kelly Wheeler, said she had also sent the signed ordinance to Liberty Utilities.

Lastly, Mr. Gilbert talked to the council about the e-mail the city received from the National Rural Water Association regarding the Missouri PFAS Cost Recovery Program and advised the city to register their utility with the law firm as stated in the e-mail. Deana Despaw moved to have the city clerk register the city's water utility in the program. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

6th ON AGENDA: City Judge - Appointment Upcoming For January – Court Clerk, Carmen Malloy, informed council she has asked Judge Cole to make a recommendation. She also advised she had asked the current judge to make a recommendation, but he has not yet done this.

7th ON AGENDA: Fireworks Ordinance – Brief discussion regarding what the council wants for this ordinance. Do they want to set time restrictions or a total ban. Subject was tabled.

8th ON AGENDA: Employee Handbook – Deana Despaw took the employee handbook for a review. Mayor Arrington has already reviewed.

9th ON AGENDA: Gate Valve Repairs – Council decided there are no extra funds for this project at this time. Subject is to be tabled until next spring. City Clerk will set herself a reminder to put this on the agenda again in March of next year.

10th ON AGENDA: Pricing For New Hose Section for Sludge Truck – Carmen Malloy informed council the city does not need to purchase a new hose section, as she found the previously overlooked additional section at the wastewater facility.

11th ON AGENDA: Trick-Or-Treat on the Square – Vonda Barela volunteered to solicit donations for the prizes to be given out at the event. Fred Barela made a motion to have the city purchase 8 big bags of candy for the event.

12th ON AGENDA: Police Office/Garage – Request For Bid – City clerk, Kelly Wheeler, presented a draft copy of a request for bid she made for council to review prior to publishing in the newspaper. Deana Despaw does not want this published in the paper and asked the city clerk to contact specific companies for bids on the project. Deana does not want one contractor to handle the project, saying the city can perform the contractor function and hire subcontractors for the various aspects of the construction. She wants bids for insulation, framing, electrical and plumbing. The subject is tabled until the city has some bids to review.

13th ON AGENDA: Tree Trimming on Y-Bridge Blvd. – Mayor Arrington informed council the tree trimming on Y-Bridge Blvd. has been completed.

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14th ON AGENDA: Roofing Projects – Well House and City Hall – Council was informed by Mayor Arrington the roof on the lower well house is now complete. The roof on city hall leaked in the blowing rain we had on Monday, the 29th of August. The city clerk had already asked the same company who did the well house roof to bid the city hall roof for a repair and a replace – 2 separate bids. She has also reached out to two other companies for bids and is waiting on replies. Meanwhile Fred Barela suggested that Michael in maintenance put a weight on the membrane that is on the wall next to the flat part of the roof to prevent it from moving in high winds. It was decided, the council could call an emergency meeting when the roofing bids are all in.

15th ON AGENDA: Old Business

Mayor John Arrington – Mayor Arrington informed the council tree trimming on Y-Bridge Blvd has been completed for the local truck route, and the truck route and local truck route signs have been placed. Mayor will be meeting with the county to discuss their vendor deliveries and the need to direct drivers to the new local truck route.

Deana Despaw – Deana Despaw informed the council that Fair and the Square would be held on 9/23 and 9/24. The city will need to block the streets on the evening of 9/22. She also talked about Enrichment Day for the kids and stated approximately 100 children will be visiting for this event. Fireworks will be 9/23 at 9:15 pm.

Fred Barela – No Old Business

Tarena Hill – No Old Business – Tarena Hill left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked about the status of the new slide the city ordered. Carmen Malloy informed council the slide was shipping on the 12th of September.

Carmen Malloy – No Old Business

Kelly Wheeler – No Old Business

Mike Cupp – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

16th ON AGENDA: New Business

Mayor John Arrington – Mayor Arrington addressed the council regarding the truck traffic, asking how the police are expected to enforce the truck restriction without an ordinance.

Deana Despaw – Deana Despaw informed council about a local person who was interested in purchasing a particular parcel of land from the city. There was some discussion but no decision was made.

Fred Barela – No New Business

Tarena Hill – No New Business – Tarena Hill left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked for a chair to be removed from the table because it is uncomfortable. It was noted that particular chair used to be at the former city clerk's desk, but Kelly swapped it out because she did not like it. Vonda said Kelly's chair needs to be put back at the council

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table, and Kelly should just order herself a new chair. All agreed. No formal motion was made on the subject.

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy advised council that Tablerock Chamber of Commerce approved the \$3000 grant for playground equipment.

She also informed council the water leak at 2nd and Fir Street has now been fixed by Stephens and Sons.

Lastly, she informed council there was a call regarding orange-colored water at the residence near Craig and 248 Hwy. She and Michael Hatcher opened the flush valve for 1 minute to clear the line. Carmen advised water-line flushing needs to be done regularly, not just at this location but others as well.

Kelly Wheeler – No New Business

Mike Cupp – No New Business

Rick McCrea – Rick McCrea discussed with council some of the significant police events the city had over the past week.

17TH ON AGENDA: Bills and Finances – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve and pay bills. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

18th ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 8/15/2022 – Fred Barela made a motion to approve the 8/15/22 minutes. Vonda Barela 2nd. Deana Despaw abstained from voting, as she was not in attendance at that meeting. Motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Deana Despaw 2nd. All agree, motion passed.