

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 3, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN PRESENT- FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, TARENA DAWSON. ABSENT WAS DEANA DESPAW.

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

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

2ND ON AGENDA: Keri Dickens/Christmas Parade Organizer – Keri Dickens was not present at the meeting. She will be added to the next agenda.

Since Keri Dickens did not attend the meeting, council heard Angela Foster from the Galena Cemetery Board regarding road maintenance of the access road to the city cemetery. There was discussion regarding whether the city was responsible for maintenance or if the homeowners along the road were responsible. Council asked Carmen Malloy to review old maps to research the topic, and Kelly Wheeler will review the city ordinances to see if this road was ever vacated. Angela Foster was asked to get a title search to determine the history of the road and if the city is responsible or if the road is a privately-owned easement road for the homeowners and cemetery.

3RD ON AGENDA: City Attorney – Mel Gilbert – Mel Gilbert reviewed past topics with council to see if the topics were fully addressed and ready for him to close his files.

These topics included FP Mailing Solutions. Mel confirmed he had mailed contract cancellation documents and asked if a confirmation had been received by the city. Kelly Wheeler, City Clerk, advised Mel the company has recently stopped sending invoices, but no contract cancellation confirmation has been received.

Mel also wanted to know if the MO-DOT sidewalk project had been completed. This has been completed, and Mel will close his file on this subject.

Kelly Wheeler also addressed the recent e-mail from the State of Missouri regarding expenditure reporting. This is voluntary unless requested, and for now the city will not participate in this reporting. Meanwhile, Mel will investigate this further to determine if the city should begin reporting.

4TH ON AGENDA: Annexation Requests – Carmen Malloy addressed council regarding the 2 current annexation requests. First was Martin Guyett who bought the property across from Dollar General. At this point, he has not contacted the city again regarding his request for annexation. He was previously told that he would be responsible for the expense of boring under the highway for the utility placement. The second request for annexation was Matt Daughtery, and he has also not contacted City Hall again regarding his request. Attorney Mel Gilbert reviewed maps of the 2 locations with Carmen Malloy, and Mel advised that any properties located between the parties wanting annexation and the current city limits would have to agree to annexation as well. Mel gave copies of the necessary annexation forms to Carmen if the interested parties decide to pursue annexation.

5TH ON AGENDA: Fireworks Ordinance – Subject was tabled until the November 21ST council meeting.

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6th ON AGENDA: Employee Handbook – Alderman Deana Despaw still has the employee handbook for a review. Mayor Arrington has already reviewed. Subject was tabled until the November 21st council meeting.

7th ON AGENDA: Police Office/Garage – Bids – Subject was tabled until the November 21st council meeting.

8th ON AGENDA: City Hall Roofing Project – Subject was tabled until the November 21st council meeting.

Tarena Dawson made a motion to go into closed session under real estate - section 610.021 (2) at 7:15 pm. Vonda Barela 2nd the motion with a roll call vote –

Tarena Dawson – Yes

Vonda Barela – Yes

Fred Barela – Yes

Motion passed.

Tarena Dawson made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:45 pm. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

9th ON AGENDA: Striping and Sealing – Carmen Malloy presented bid quotes from 2 companies. Tarena Dawson made a motion to accept Lazer’s bid. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

10th ON AGENDA: Snowflakes for the Square – Michael Hatcher from Maintenance and city council discussed the current condition of the snowflake ornaments for the streetlight poles on the square. There was discussion regarding the supplies needed to repair the ornaments with new paint, lights and extension cords to plug the ornaments in. Tarena Dawson made a motion to buy new LED lights, paint and extension cords in the various lengths needed with a cap of \$500. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

11th ON AGENDA: Return Check Policy – Carmen Malloy informed council the current fee is \$35 and needs to be increased to \$40 due to the bank increasing their fee. No official motion was made to adjust the city’s fee schedule, so this will go on the agenda again for the next meeting.

12th ON AGENDA: Old Business –

Mayor John Arrington – Mayor John Arrington discussed the no trespassing sign placement on Carter Lane done back in July. The Mayor was asked by a citizen of Galena to remove the wire and no trespassing sign to allow children to hike in the area. Council discussed this, and it was decided to leave the signage in place for the safety of the children. There is no reason for children to be hiking on the city’s sewer easement property.

Fred Barela – No Old Business

Tarena Dawson – No Old Business

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Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked about the 2 pieces of playground equipment, wanting to know when they would be installed at the park and if Michael in maintenance could handle the installation alone. It was noted that an auger would need to be rented for the slide, but installation could occur with the help of just one extra person.

Carmen Malloy – No Old Business

Kelly Wheeler – No Old Business

Mike Cupp – No Old Business

Michael Hatcher – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

13th ON AGENDA: New Business –

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Tarena Dawson – No New Business

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked about the city’s Christmas tree for the square. She asked the city clerk, Kelly Wheeler, to post on Facebook the city is asking for a donation of a tree.

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy brought up Thanksgiving Dinner for the next council meeting. It was then discussed what everyone would bring. Secondly, Carmen talked about utility hook-up fees and how the city came up short on the last utility hook up that was done because the cost of materials has increased, and the fee schedule is too low. Fred Barela made a motion to increase the minimum fee to \$1400 and maximum fee to \$1600. Tarena Dawson 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Kelly Wheeler – No New Business

Mike Cupp – No New Business

Michael Hatcher – No New Business

Rick McCrea – No New Business

14th ON AGENDA: Bills and Finances – Tarena Dawson made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

15th ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 10/17/2022 – Tarena Dawson made a motion to approve the 10/17/22 minutes. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Tarena Dawson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.