

# STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 21, 2022

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL**

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

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

EMPLOYEES –CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER, MIKE CUPP, MICHAEL HATCHER RICK MCCREA  
MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ON AGENDA: Thanksgiving Dinner** – Officer Mike Cupp said the blessing, and the Thanksgiving Dinner began.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ON AGENDA: Keri Dickens/Christmas Parade Organizer** – At 7:15 pm, Keri Dickens appeared before the council to present the details for the December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade. The parade route was discussed, along with the location and electrical hookup for the DJ booth. Potential vendors were discussed. Police traffic control was discussed. Fred Barela made a motion to spend up to \$100 for hot chocolate. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

## **4<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Old Business** –

Mayor John Arrington – No old business.

Deana Despaw – No Old Business

Fred Barela – No Old Business

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked about the 2 pieces of playground equipment, wanting to know when they would be installed at the park. She was told, due to the cold weather season now, the equipment would not be installed until next spring.

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

## **5<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: New Business** –

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Deana Despaw – No New Business

Vonda Barela – No New Business

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy reminded the council they needed to start working on the 2023 budget. Deana Despaw asked Kelly Wheeler to reach out to the auditor to ask what help they could provide to the council for this task.

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Kelly Wheeler – Kelly Wheeler discussed with council the city’s lack of a bereavement policy. She brought up the subject because an employee recently used sick leave and vacation time to cover an absence after a death in their family. The council advised the subject would be addressed when the Employee Handbook is completed.

Mike Cupp – Mike Cupp requested the council grant a vacation week for Officer Rick McCrea, saying Rick should be given vacation time because he has been with the city for almost two years.

Michael Hatcher – No New Business  
Rick McCrea – No New Business

Deana Despaw made a motion to go into closed session at 7:40 pm under real estate - section 610.021 (2) and under personnel - section 610.021 (13). Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with a roll call vote –

Deana Despaw – Yes

Fred Barela – Yes

Vonda Barela – Yes

Motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:55 pm. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to give Officer Rick McCrea 3 days of vacation (24 hours total) starting January 1, 2023. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**6<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Bills and Finances** – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**7<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 11/03/2022** – Fred Barela made a motion to approve the 11/03/22 minutes. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.