

# STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 6, 2022

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ON AGENDA: Roll Call**

MAYOR- John Arrington

COUNCILMEN PRESENT- Fred Barela, Vonda Barela, Tarena Dawson, Deana Despaw.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT – Kelly Wheeler, Mike Cupp, Rick McCrea

Mayor John Arrington calls meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ON AGENDA: Loop Street Sinkhole** – Mayor Arrington discussed the details of the sinkhole on Loop Street, starting with how it first appeared and continuing with the exploration of the sinkhole when he dropped a ladder and went down into it. He described what he saw and the basic dimensions of the sinkhole. Next, Mayor Arrington discussed how Department of Natural Resources was contacted for their recommendation for repair. The e-mail received from DNR was in the council packets. DNR's recommendation was to excavate out and then fill back with boulders and cobbles wrapped in landscape fabric. Mayor confirmed this is exactly how Stephens and Sons did the repair. The depth of the sinkhole after excavation was approximately 21 feet deep, and it took 11 dump truck loads of shot rock. At the time of the meeting, the final bill for the project had not been received.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ON AGENDA: City Attorney Contract** – Deana Despaw made a motion to table the subject. Tarena Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed. Subject is tabled until the January 5th, council meeting.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: Ordinance Appointing and Setting Forth the Compensation of the City Attorney for the City of Galena for the Term January 1, 2023, Through December 31, 2023** – Deana Despaw made a motion to table the subject. Tarena Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed. Subject is tabled until the January 5th, council meeting.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: 2023 Budget** – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget showing a 6% increase from the 2022 Budget numbers. Tarena Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**6<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: City Christmas Tree** – Mayor Arrington informed council regarding who donated the Christmas tree and who donated money towards obtaining the tree and decorations for the tree. Fred Barela confirmed he will work with maintenance to put the lights on the tree later in the week.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: Old Business** –

Mayor John Arrington – No Old Business

Deana Despaw – No Old Business

Fred Barela – Fred Barela inquired about the previous agenda item for the campground request and wanted to know why there is a trailer on the property, but no campground license had been issued. It was decided to have the Codes Enforcement Officer look into this.

Tarena Dawson – No Old Business

Vonda Barela – No Old Business

Kelly Wheeler – No Old Business

Mike Cupp – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

**December 6, 2022**

**Council Meeting Minutes Page 2**

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

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Deana Despaw – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Tarena Dawson – No New Business

Vonda Barela – No New Business

Kelly Wheeler – Kelly Wheeler reviewed with council the total cost of the snowflake repair and asked permission to transfer money into the general fund to cover the expense. Deana Despaw made a motion to pay for the snowflakes out of the Liberty Electric Franchise Tax money. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Next, Kelly reviewed with council the invoice for the street salt and asked permission to transfer money into the general fund to cover the invoice. Tarena Dawson made a motion to pay for the street salt out of the Fuel Tax money. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

After discussion about the Fuel Tax and Liberty Franchise Tax transfers, council tasked the city clerk with moving the Liberty Franchise Tax money (starting in 2023) to the general fund each month or have the automatic deposit switched to the general fund account.

Mike Cupp – Officer Cupp addressed the council regarding the upcoming February 2023 court date and stated the prosecutor would not be available for that court date. He asked council to approve using a temporary prosecutor for February. Officer Cupp advised the temporary prosecutor's rate of pay is \$100 per hour. Fred Barela made a motion to use a temporary prosecutor for the month of February. Tarena Dawson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Rick McCrea – No New Business

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

**10<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Approve Minutes From November 21, 2022 –** Fred Barela made a motion to approve the 11/21/22 meeting minutes. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 pm. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.