**STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO**

**CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 16, 2024**

**1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT- Mayor David Stewart- Council member Vonda Barela, Deana Despaw, Fred Barela and Claire Beyer

EMPLOYEES PRESENT- Carmen Malloy. Mayor David Stewart calls meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2ND ON AGENDA: 2024 BUDGET-** General discussion begins.

Fred makes a motion to increase the trash fee by .50 per month for the next 4years. Deana 2nds, Vonda -yes, Claire-yes, Fredd-yes and Deana- yes.

Fred makes a motion to increase water and sewer by 2% per year for the next 5 years. Claire 2nds. Fred- yes, Vonda-yes, Claire- yes and Deana -yes.

Deana makes a motion to contact Taylor and Associates for accounting and audit purposes. Vonda 2nds. Fred-yes, Claire-yes, Deana-yes and Fred-yes.

Fred makes a motion for Rick to use the White Police car at least once a week. Claire 2nds. Deana-yes, Vonda-yes, Fred-yes and Claire-yes.

Deana makes a motion to approve the 2024 Police Budget to include 1-chief, 1-officer and 1 code enforcement $ 95,117.00, Vonda 2nds. Fred-yes, Claire-yes, Deana-yes and Vonda-yes.

Deana makes a motion to transfer all but $2000.00 from the 1 cent public safety fund to the general fund, Vonda 2nds. Claire-yes, Fred-yes, Vonda-yes and Deana-yes.

Deana makes a motion to increase the 2024 budget 3% across the board except the police, Fred 2nds. Vonda-yes, Claire-yes, Deana- yes and Fred yes.

Fred makes a motion to adjourn the meeting Vonda 2nds all in favor meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.