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

**CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 8, 2024.**

**1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-Deana Wells Despaw, Fred Barela, Claire Beyer and Vonda Barela.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT-CARMEN MALLOY, RICK McCREA and RUBY PERRIMAN

Mayor Pro tem Deanna Wells Despaw calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2nd ON AGENDA: PLEDGE OF ALLENGIANCE**

**16TH ON AGENDA: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 11 & 16TH-** Vonda makes a motion to approve minutes, Claire 2nds all in favor motion passed.

**3RD ON AGENDA: READING OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Claire makes a motion to accept the election results, Fred 2nds, Deana yes and Vonda yes motion passed.

**4TH ON AGENDA: SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICALS:** Rick McCrea swore in Fred Barela as City of Galena’s new Mayor along with Aldermen Deana Wells Despaw, Amanda Parton, and Hollee Brown. Vonda Barela is no longer on city council. Mayor Fred Barela took the head of the table.

**5TH ON AGENDA: LIBERTY ELECTRIC PRESENTING BILL 24-2 MESA AGREEMENT:** Deana makes a motion to read Bill 24-2 by title only Amanda 2nd. Mayor reads 24-2. Deana makes a motion to accept 1st reading Amanda 2nd all in favor Deana yes, Claire yes, Amanda yes and Hollee yes. Deana makes a motion to have a 2nd reading of Bill 24-2 title only Amanda 2nd. Mayor reads Bill 24-2 for the 2nd time. Deana makes the motion to accept 2nd reading Amanda 2nd all in favor Deana yes, Claire yes, Amanda yes and Hollee yes. Mayor Fred Barela signs Bill 24-2 and makes it ordinance 2024-2.

**6TH ON AGENDA: FAIR ON THE SQUARE:**  September 27 & 28, 2024 was proposed as dates for Fair on the Square. Deana made a motion to accept suggested dates Claire 2nd all in favor motion was approved.

**7TH ON AGENDA: UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CARMEN MALLOY:** Correct monthly premium for Anthem Health Insurance will be $627.30 per month. Information only.

**8TH ON AGENDA: WATER & SEWER RATES:** Amanda made a motion to read Bill 24-1 by title only Deana 2nd. The mayor read Bill 24-1 Amanda made a motion to accept 1st reading Deana 2nd all in favor. The mayor did a second reading of Bill 24-1 title only Amanda made a motion to accept 2nd reading Deana 2nd. Motion approved by counsel Deana yes, Claire yes, Amanda yes and Hollee yes. Increase in water & sewer rates 2% per year over the next 5 years (residential & commercial) to start May 2024.

**9TH ON AGENDA:** **BACK WALL RUNDEL’S OFFICE-** Update Sonny has been working on the back wall. To be continued.

**10TH ON AGENDA****: PARKING SIGNS-** Update Carmen & Rick are working on ordering the signs.

**11TH ON AGENDA: 2024 STREET UPDATE-** Working on bids.

**12th ON AGENDA: FIREWORKS-** Deana made a motion to spend $2500.00 on fireworks for the 4th of July celebration on June 29th. Claire 2nd. Roll call vote was taken Deana yes, Claire yes, Amanda yes & Hollee yes counsel approved.

**13TH ON AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS-** Deana brings to the council’s attention that the employee handbook needs to be revised at the next meeting. Taylor & Associates are not accepting new clients. Need to find an accounting firm that accepts new clients to handle the city’s budget. Counsel requested that Sonny take off the Kings Chapel sign on the old building on the square.

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**14TH ON AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS-** Carmen has a letter from Jacob Splinder of Reynolds and Gold law firm saying that he is leaving the firm. Carmen passed out the current budget summary (will be doing this each month). Rick requested that the council approve Greg Turner who is applying for the position of Code Enforcement Officer for the city, no questions were asked. Rick will rewrite the parking ordinances and fines for parking space and bring them up to date. Fred made a motion to accept the new business Deana 2nd the motion. Deanna brought up the discussion to remove David Stewart and Casey Woodworth from the Simmons bank account and to add Fred Barela, Deana Wells Despaw, and Carmen Malloy names to the Simmons bank account. Amanda made the motion in regards of the removals & additions to the current bank account at Simmons Bank Hollee 2nd the motion. Claire made a motion to retain Deana Wells Despaw as the Mayor Pro tem Amanda 2nd the motion. Carmen gave Fred the keys to City Hall.

**15TH ON AGENDA: BILLS AND FINANCE-** Update on gas bill it was approximately $1200.00. It has been turned down in the last two months and the bill has dropped to $500.00 and $300.00. No updates on 2 new sewer pumps. Deana made a motion to accept update Amanda 2nd. Amanda made a motion to pay the bills Claire 2nd.

**17TH ON AGENDA: VOTE TO ADJOURN-** Deana makes a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:00 p.m., Amanda 2nds all in favor motion passed.