

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1980

The governing body of the City of Galena met in regular session Tuesday, January 15, 7 P.M., with Mayor Edna Williams presiding.

Council members present were; Dennis Hart, Bud Piercefield, Mike Hall, Deloris Smith, Roy Hopkins, Birtchell Hayes, Dorothy Mann and Marion Davies.

Members absent were Ira Kelley and Thomas Bailey.

Following roll call, Davies moved that in light of the Attorney General's investigation, that this meeting be cancelled since no business should be transacted. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Davies then asked to be excused from the meeting and he and Councilman Hopkins left the room.

Mrs. Williams stated that she had been advised by the City Attorney to convene the council as regularly scheduled.

Piercefield noted the minutes of the January 8 meeting should be amended to read "councilman Smith tendered his resignation from Ward 2" instead of Ward 1. Piercefield moved the amended minutes of the January 8 meeting and the minutes of the January 2 meeting, be approved. Hart seconded and the motion carried with one abstention. (Hall)

Hall made a motion for the council to adjourn and move to the Community Room, because of the large attendance. Motion died for lack of a second. (The Community Room was in use for a Hunter's Safety Course)

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hart, the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission were approved.

Councilman Hall stated he had received a number of calls, protesting the use of a city fire truck to parade the mayor and others around town following the recall election.

Piercefield stated that for years, it had been the custom to honor a newly elected mayor in such manner. Hall referred to a recent dispute concerning the use of fire trucks and quoted from the council minutes of August 7 and 21, in which objections were voiced to the use of fire trucks for anything other than emergency use.

Hart moved the council continue with the meeting. Delores Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion followed on the possibility of wage increases for the city employees. Hart made a motion to table the issue until further studies can be made. Piercefield seconded and the motion carried with one nay vote. (Hall)

Randall, of Community Development, reported on the findings of a recent audit by HUD officials, and the auditor. An unauthorized check cashed by an employee in the amount of \$457.16, had been found to be not a legal expense of the HUD department. It must be re-imbursed by the city from either the water or sanitation department.

Piercefield moved to bring suit against the employee who cashed the check and possibly also, the person who wrote the check. (Karen Roberson and Mary Ann Little, respectfully) Hart seconded and the motion carried, with one nay vote. (Hall)

Randall asked for council action on the re-zoning of a strip of land 200' deep with a frontage of 660' on west Seventh Street to industrial use. The land is on the south side of Seventh Street, from the Flowers property to the Zodiac property.

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hart, the land was rezoned for industrial use.

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Smith, 300' of this strip was assigned to Dan Williams for the establishment of a Home Building Center retail business, at a fee of \$1.00 per acre.

Randall asked for action on the Kennedy Residence at 315 9th Street. Specs for rehabilitation of this property were made up on either late December '78 or early '79. They were sent out on bids in May, and the job was awarded to Smith Construction of Joplin, Mo. Recent inspection showed the specs were not followed concerning the repair of a bathroom. Randall asked for a change order amounting to \$3067. to complete repairs to the dwelling.

Hayes moved to accept the bid of Cherokee Construction on the change order for \$3067. Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

Hayes moved that hereafter, rehab jobs be guaranteed for one year only, unless specified differently in the contract. Piercefield seconded and the motion carried.

Howard Jarvis informed the council that a house trailer recently approved, was on ground where no sewer is available. Jarvis estimated the cost of installing the sewer would be \$1000. to \$1500., since he would have to acquire easements. After discussion the council suggested Jarvis meet with the property owners and make recommendations at next council meeting. Jarvis suggested the Planning and Zoning Commission should contact him before letting permits on trailers, to be sure utilities are available.

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hayes, the council voted to install 16 feet of 12 inch culvert at the driveway entrance to the Empire Mission Church. The city would furnish the labor and the church pay for the pipe.

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hayes, Rex Gandy was allowed one week pay in lieu of vacation.

Medical invoices on a maternity claim by Monty Mattison, a former employee, were presented to the council for consideration of payment. Mattison resigned his position several months before the birth and there is a question as to the City's responsibility in this claim.

Piercefield moved that Mr. Shyrock of Metropolitan Insurance be contacted to clarify in writing, the city's responsibility. Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Williams presented for approval, the appointment of Cheryl Haines as acting City Clerk. On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hart, the appointment was approved.

City Clerk Vanderpool, reported to the council an indebtedness of approximately \$23000. for which no funds were available in the General Fund.

On motion by Piercefield seconded by Smith, the Council approved the cashing of a C D in the amount of \$35,590.21, due January 25, with one nay vote (Hall)

Police Chief Brown asked council approval for expenses for John Ingram to attend Officers School for ten weeks at Pittsburg, Ks.

Piercefield made a motion to allow \$25. per week or \$250.00

expense to John Ingram. Hayes seconded and the motion carried.

Chief Brown stated the need for another patrolman since Ingram would be in school and Shaw and Hargis both have up coming vacations. He also stressed the need for another police car.

Piercefield suggested Brown secure applications for an officer and made a motion to table the car issue for the present time. Hart seconded, and the motion carried.

Attorney Rowe asked the Mayor and Council to appoint a judge pro tem to try the case of Lillian Price, since Judge Brown could not serve because of his presence when the alledged crime was committed. Piercefield moved to table this issue until cantacts can be made. Hart seconded, and the motion carried.

Piercefield moved approval of the Community Development and City Payrolls, Ordinances No. 80-2. Hayes seconded and the motion carried.

On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Hart, the council was adjourned.


Edna M. Williams, Mayor


Idella Vanderpool, City Clerk