

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, February 2, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.** in the commission chambers with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners **present:** HARDMAN; DONALDSON; SHOEMAKER; DAVIES; OGLESBY

MINUTES:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the **regular commission meeting** December 15, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the **regular commission meeting** January 5, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting January 22, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby
NAYS: None

APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL
HOUSING BOARD:

Mayor Hardman appointed Joyce Burkybile to a four (4) year term on the local housing board.

SPRINT 911 SYSTEM:

Mayor Hardman stated the County was talking about combining the 911 system. Baxter and Galena are not combined to Columbus. They would like to combine it and update the system. She informed them this was all in the planning stages, and the next meeting is the **ninth of this month**. If this is done it could possibility create a 25 cent a month increase, from 25 cent to 50 cents. They would like some feedback from the public, number one how they would feel about the increase, and number two about combining everything and it coming out of Columbus as far as 911 phone calls.

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City Manager, Jamie Bell said he did research this afternoon and bringing 911 system under one central location is what is sweeping the country and he feels this is something that needs looking into.

OLD TRASH TRUCK/BACKHOE:

Commissioner Shoemaker informed the commission he was on the agenda for trash truck and backhoe, and all he was doing was making a proposal no action needs taken on it tonight. As everyone knows we have a new backhoe, which makes three (3) backhoes we have. The cat backhoe the city has is a 92 model and he would like to propose they take sealed bids on the backhoe. On the old trash truck it would take right at \$200.00 to paint it, clean it up and sell it. The reason he is proposing this is because the city is going to need new lawn mowers. He had spoke with a guy on the water dept. and he would like to have a one (1) ton truck with tool boxes down the side to hold all his fittings in. All he wanted the other commissioners to do is think about this proposal and he would bring it up at the next meeting.

Commissioner Davies asked if he was planning on taking the money from the equipment and buying a truck and some lawn equipment for the cemeteries. Right said Commissioner Shoemaker.

City Manager, Jamie Bell said the lawn mowers were in bad shape and they were residential mowers not commercial mowers.

Commissioner Shoemaker said he had spoke to people about the backhoe and they felt it would bring \$8,000.00 to \$16,000.00. He said if they decided to do this he would like the sealed bids to start at \$8,000.00.

Commissioner Oglesby said there is a web site that Municipalities use and sell things. He did not know the details, but it was as good as sealed bids. Details could be brought to the next meeting.

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OFFICER TRAINING
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to allow Doug Holbert to attend a training class in Hutchinson, KS at a cost of \$370.00. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby
NAYS: None

CITY HALL DAY
TOPEKA, KS.

City Manager, Jamie Bell said last Thursday the mayor and himself attended City Hall Day at Topeka, KS. Basically they were told what everybody knows the Federal government is broke, the state government is broke, and local municipalities will probably stay broke for a while. Chances are demand transfer payments are not coming back anytime soon, that money is gone. He had caught an article today that the governor had put out, without sounding to political the governor's answer to the state financial crisis is to put a casino everywhere. Without getting to political I disagree with that, I don't think that solves our problems down here in Galena, Kansas, unless it's sitting here in town. They did have a chance to meet with Senator Barone and Representative Gatewood and they are both aware of the tax situation they have in Cherokee County.

USE OF COMPLEX GROUNDS
FOR GALENA DAY'S/CLOSE
MAIN STREET FOR CAR SHOW:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Shoemaker to allow use of city complex grounds for Galena Days June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and to allow the closing of Main Street June 5th from 7th to 3rd Street for the Outlaw Cruisers Car Show. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby
NAYS: None

COMMERCIAL LAWNMOWERS:

City Manager, Jamie Bell said he was passing around a card that actually goes hand and hand with

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what Commissioner Shoemaker was talking about It is a bid that City Superintendent Sonny Webster had obtained for a commercial lawnmower. The bid is \$5,411.99 from RW's Tri-state Mower. He said he was not asking for approval tonight but it is something he would like the commission to keep in the back of their minds that this is an expense they will have to consider at some point soon.

Commissioner Davies asked what kind of mower was it. City Superintendent Webster stated it was a commercial Snapper.

**STREETLIGHT BETWEEN
DEWEY & ELM ON 10th STEET:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell said Paul Nolan had asked him to look into his request for a streetlight at the alleyway between Dewey & Elm Street along 10th Street. He said he had called Empire District about it and had drove by and looked at it a couple of times. He said he was leaving this up to the commissioners. From a city manager standpoint if they put a streetlight there he could think of a half a dozen other places they need to put a streetlight, because the same situation exists with the darkness.

Commissioner Davies stated if we do it for one, we would have to do it for everyone that asks.

Commissioner Oglesby said budget is one of our biggest considerations, the city is spending over \$24,000.00 a year in streetlights and every time you add a streetlight it adds more money.

Commissioner Shoemaker said maybe we could look at it at a later date, when we get further into our budget.

City Manager, Jamie Bell said one thing our police dept. can do is keep in mind the areas in town that are not lit and take an extra drive past there on their shift.

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WELCOME TO POLICE
CHIEF GARRY ABRAM:

Mayor Hardman congratulated Garry Abram as new police chief and welcomed him and his wife Kris.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Shoemaker to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Personnel issues with the city manager and city attorney, and police chief to remain. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby
NAYS: None

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:38 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order after executive session at 6:50 p.m. in the commission chambers with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners **present: HARDMAN; DONALDSON; SHOEMAKER; DAVIES; OGLESBY**

Mayor Hardman stated no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby
NAYS: None

Lynne Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

(SEAL)