

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, February 16, 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 **absent:** OGLESBY

MINUTES:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to approve and place on file the minutes of the **special commission meeting** January 9, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to approve and place on file the minutes of the **special commission meeting** January 15, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting February 12, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

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

GRANT FOR POLICE VESTS:

Keith Marshall informed the commission on the standing of a grant for bulletproof vests for the Police Department. Vests would be needed for 7 officers. He informed them the vests they were looking at were top of the line. Cost per vest \$650.00, total of 7 vests \$4,500.00. At this time the city has available 50/50 grant funds of \$3,189.00, which is more than enough to pay half of the vests which is \$2,275.00, and the money is sitting there waiting for the city to use it.

Mayor Hardman asked if there was a time limit on the grant. Officer Marshall said he had spoken with them and was told the grant was good until at least the end of the year.

Jamie Bell, City Manager said he was working with the Police Department and would be working with City Clerk Debbie Kitch to see were they could find the money at, and he should have a recommendation at the next commission meeting.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve purchasing vests and the city to pay half if the money is available. **Motion declared carried.**

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

**INTERNET SYSTEM FOR
FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell said Walter Bradshaw was on the agenda for Internet access for the Fire Department, but was not able to attend. Mr. Bell said he had spoke to the Fire Department, Chief Hall and Jeremy Fields today about this. He informed the commission he could get Internet access for the Fire Department by just running a cable from City Hall to the Fire Department.

Commissioner Donaldson stated Chief Hall did not want to cost the city any expense to obtain Internet. They use the Internet for weather reports. Right now they have to call the police Department to find out were the storms are at.

**RESOLUTION 04-02
DELETING POLICE LIEUTENANT
& ADDING ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell informed the commission that the resolution before them was a position change only, deleting police lieutenant and adding asst. police chief. No change in pay scale.

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and pass Resolution 04-02. **Motion declared carried.**

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

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KIBERS:

Police Chief Gary Abram informed the commission that KIBERS –computer system reporting with KBI is outdated. To update KIBERS it would cost \$295.00 per computer. To have 4 computers upgraded it would cost approximately \$1200.00

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to approve \$1200.00 to update KIBERS when monies are available. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies

NAYS: None

LAUNDROMAT 2nd MAIN STREET:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Donaldson, to approve, water meter, water box, and fittings for new Laundromat at 2nd & Main Street at an estimated cost of \$745.21. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies

NAYS: None

IMPOUND VEHICLES:

City Manager, Jamie Bell informed the commission that he had verbally received a request from the family pertaining to the fire east of town, that resulted in the death of an individual. The city had two vehicles in the impound lot belonging to the individual that have been there awhile. The mother was asking for release of the vehicles without charges to help offset funeral costs and other expenses. City Manager stated if they picked up the vehicles today the impound charge would be about \$2500.00. He felt it would be an act of good faith on behalf of the city to return the vehicles.

Kevin Cure, city attorney asked if these were 80's vehicles of very little value. Chief Abram answered they were of very little value.

Commissioner Donaldson asked the City Attorney if they could legally make an exception to one. He replied that was not a problem if the expense on selling them is going to be more than they are worth, he didn't see any concerns.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to release the Chevy Blazer and the Chrysler New Yorker out of the

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impound lot after towing fees have been paid to Wades Wrecker for both vehicles. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies

NAYS: None

NEW POLICE OFFICERS:

City Manager, Jamie Bell informed the commission that they hired two new officers, Jesse Haverfield and Kirk Lawson. Both officers were offered full time positions and would be fantastic additions to the department. He noted that extensive background checks had been done on all the individuals interviewed.

TRASH RATE INCREASE:

The commission was informed by City Manager, Jamie Bell he had put numbers together as requested for trash rates. Percentage increases as well as across the board dollar increases. Available were copies if requested. He said he would stick his neck out and recommend a 20% across the board trash rate.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to table until next meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies

NAYS: None

APPR# 04-02:

Commissioner Davies said he felt this was the people of Galena's money they were spending and he felt a few things should be brought to their attention as to where the money goes. Workman's Comp Insurance \$20,383.00, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, almost 11,000.00 a month, Gas Service \$3317.00, Electric Service \$9,384.00 of which Streetlights were \$4,407.00, water purchase from Missouri American \$10,000.00

Jamie Bell, City Manager stated one of the first things he does is to look at the appropriations in his packet to see if we are overspending anywhere and if there is a pattern of departments not watching their spending.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve Appropriation Ordinance 04-02 in the amount of \$113,513.63 . **Motion declared carried**

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

LANDFILL:

Lillian Price, resident approached the commission on Industrial property out by the old Highway. If a person wanted to request five acres of it for a business what would a person do?

City Manager, Jamie Bell said he realizes that property was given to the city for an industrial park, but realistic he did not think the area could be used for that. For a situation wanting property he recommended to give his office a call, give him an opportunity to speak with them about the property, he would bring it to the commission and involve the Planning & Zoning.

BIDS ON BACKHOE:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Donaldson to put the old backhoe up for sale, sealed bids with a low bid of \$8,000.00 to run until the next meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Lynne Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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