

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 1986

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Galena, Kansas was called to order Tuesday, February 18, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor John O. Stephenson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following councilmembers present: Anderson, Bullard, Kay Kay, J. Watkins, R. Watkins, LaTurner, Washom, Brown, Jarvis, Allen. Absent: None

MINUTES:

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Bullard, to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 1986 after changing page 3 paragraph 1 to show that councilmember J. Watkins should not be allowed to vote and records should indicate 1 abstain: J. Watkins. Motion declared carried. 1-nay - Brown, 1-abstain - J. Watkins.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Moved by Allen, seconded by Kay Kay, to accept and place on file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting of February 3, 1986. Motion declared carried.

LOCKING POST OFFICE:

Clarence Bounds, Postmaster, requested the City Council to reconsider their action to discontinue the Police Department's locking of the Post Office. Mr. Bounds asked for their assistance on weekends and holidays when there are no employees present.

Moved by Washom, seconded by J. Watkins, to go back to the schedule of locking the Post Office at approximately 10:30 P.M. and unlocking at approximately 6:00 A.M. on Sundays and Holidays. Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Donald Brown excused himself from the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on nuisance policy was held. The change in policy to be adopted is to give property owners 10 days notice to abate nuisance then if problem is not taken care of to give written notice and start legal procedures.

BENNETT PROPERTY:

John Bennett asked for an additional 45 days to take down the house at 1901 Galena Ave. Moved by Washom, seconded by Kay Kay to allow the additional time. Motion declared carried.

STREET SIGNS:

Kay Kay stated she had complaints from S.R.S. and Social Security Offices on the lack of street signs in Galena. It was discussed that Chamber of Commerce had been discussing the need and possibly the City and the Chamber might work together to purchase these signs at least for Main Street and 7th Street.

510 E. 4TH STREET:

Moved by Allen, seconded by Bullard, that the structure at 510 E. 4th be removed at the convenience of the City Superintendent and costs charged to taxes. Motion declared carried.

ALLEGATIONS:

Louis LaBrie addressed the Council concerning allegations against councilmember J. Watkins. LaBrie stated Watkins came to his house and attempted to bribe him by fixing traffic citations in an effort to get the Police Chief fired.

ALLEGATIONS Con't:

Discussion between J. Watkins and LaBrie ensued with Watkins denying LaBrie's allegations until Police Chief Abram called for order.

LaBrie asked the City Council to reconsider their decision of February 4, 1986 and enforce their Ordinance on the Code of Ethics for councilmembers by having an investigation and hearing on the charges against J. Watkins.

After further discussion, motion by Washom, seconded by Kay Kay to discontinue discussion on councilmembers allegations on ticket fixing. Motion declared carried.

IAEI CONFERENCE:

Moved by Washom, seconded by R. Watkins, to allow Gene Porter and Doug Pittman to attend the Annual International Association of Electrical Inspectors Conference in Joplin on April 23 & 24. Motion declared carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Moved by J. Watkins, seconded by Washom to allow the Fire Department to purchase 7 rechargeable flashlights at \$109.90 each and 7 replacement bulbs at \$6.50 each. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Washom, seconded by Anderson, to allow the use of the Municipal Building for the Galena Day Celebration June 4-7, and approve the use of Main Street for the flea market and parade on Saturday, June 7. Motion declared carried.

MEALS FOR ELECTION WORKERS:

Bullard contacted the local restaurants for bids on meals for election workers for the primary in the 4th ward on February 25 and the City Election on April 1. Bids were - High Winds-\$2.50 each, American Legion-\$2.50 each, Browns' Cafe-\$2.00 each.

Moved by Bullard, seconded by Kay Kay, to purchase the meals from Brown's Cafe. Motion declared carried.

DISPATCHERS OFFICE:

Chief Abram said the dispatchers logs should be out of view of the public and asked for permission to close in the plexiglass area to conform with the State Statutes and possibly save a lawsuit.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Jarvis, to allow the Police Department to close in the area for dispatchers at a cost of approximately \$100. Motion declared carried.

DRUGS SEMINAR:

Moved by Washom, seconded by R. Watkins, to allow Garry Abram to attend a seminar in Great Bend on February 19, 1986 on processing drug cases. Motion declared carried.

POLICE CARS:

Abram presented 2 bids on new Police Cars. Don Creacy Chev.-Olds bid was \$13,690.00, Coyle Chev. bid \$11,784.51 on a 1986 Caprice.

⇒ Moved by Washom, seconded by Kay Kay to purchase 1986 Chevrolet Caprice from Coyle Chevrolet. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Washom, seconded by Anderson, to advertise for bids on light blue Ford and that it be advertised to test drive by appointment only. Motion declared carried.

MOBILE HOME ORD.:

Moved by Washom, seconded by R. Watkins, to send proposed Mobile Home Ordinance amendments to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their earliest possible consideration. Motion declared carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Moved by Bullard, seconded by Allen to allow Parks department to purchase fence posts for the Girls Softball field at City Park. Cost will be \$51.40. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Washom, seconded by R. Watkins, to have Street Committee get with the County Commissioners to get Schermerhorn Road paved and 8th Street and report back to Council. Motion declared carried.

CITY CLERK SCHOOL:

Moved by J. Watkins, seconded by Kay Kay, to table until the next meeting to find out the expenses involved in the City Clerk attending the Clerks School March 5-7 in Lawrence. Roll Call vote indicated:

4 - yeas Bullard, Kay Kay, J. Watkins, LaTurner.

5 - nays - Anderson, R. Watkins, Washom, Jarvis, Allen.

1 - absent - Brown.
Motion declared failed

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Washom to allow 1 person from the City Clerks' office to attend the City Clerks' School March 5-7 in Lawrence. Roll call vote indicated:

7 - yeas - Anderson, Bullard, R. Watkins, LaTurner, Washom, Jarvis, Allen.

2 - nays - Kay Kay, J. Watkins.
1 - absent - Brown.
Motion declared carried.

SWING DISPATCHERS' SHIFTS:

Moved by Washom, seconded by Allen, to change dispatchers' schedules to where they swing a shift every two weeks if it is ok with the Police Chief. Police Committee recommends this be done for a 3-month trial period to see how it works out. Motion declared carried.
1-abstain- LaTurner.

PAYROLL:

Moved by R. Watkins, seconded by Anderson, to approve Payroll 86-4 in the amount of \$8,080.91. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by R. Watkins, to approve Payroll 86-4A in the amount of \$8,556.29. Motion declared carried.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Moved by Kay Kay, seconded by R. Watkins, to approve Appropriations 86-4 in the amount of \$114,204.24. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by R. Watkins, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council. Motion declared carried.

ATTEST:

Cheryl Haines
Cheryl Haines, City Clerk
(SEAL)

John O. Stephenson
John O. Stephenson, Mayor