

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MARCH 5, 2001**

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, March 5, 2001, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor George Jackson presiding.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER; OGLESBY; WEBSTER; BRANDENBURG; JACKSON
- MINUTES:** Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting February 19, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Department Meeting of February 22, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Meeting of February 26, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- POLICE CARS:** Police Chief, Cameron Arthur spoke before the commission advising the police department could not provide adequate patrol coverage with the current patrol cars. He stated on recent occasions the officers had to operate with one patrol car, or a patrol car with mechanical problems, which could be a liability to the city. He stated he had budgeted \$24,000 this year for vehicles.
- He told the commission they could purchase from the Highway patrol or lease three vehicles per year at approximately \$24,000 per year, which included a three year 75,000 mile warranty.
- Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Brandenburg to lease three vehicles at an estimated cost of \$24,000.
AYES: OGLESBY, WEBSTER, BRANDENBURG
NAYS: LATURNER
Motion declared carried.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

City Manager, Jack Murray stated this was solely established to give a lead dispatcher who handles additional duties, beyond dispatching compensation.

Commissioner Brandenburg questioned if this was taking the lead dispatcher and abolishing her old position. The city manager stated she would still be a dispatcher but would be compensated for the additional duties.

Commissioner LaTurner stated he did not mind compensating anyone what they were worth, what he did not want to see was a lot of chiefs and no Indians. He said he did not want to create another administrative position and then come before them in three months and say we need another dispatcher to fill a position.

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to pass **Resolution 01-10** establishing the position of Administrative Assistant within the Galena Police Department and setting the compensation for said position. **Motion declared carried.**

LAGOON PROJECT:

City Manager, Jack Murray announced that Dale Yeager with Rural Development had contacted him, and that all paper work had come back to his office from general council, and a packet is about ready to mail to the city, with some minor issues to do. He advised we should close on the loan with Rural Development around the 25th of April.

TRIAD HOUSING:

City Manager, Jack Murray gave an overall review of the Triad Housing project, and the regulatory stipulations of the housing units. In his opinion, regulations were such that the upkeep of the houses in the project would be not a Problem.

EMPIRE DISTRICT:

Jack Murray, City Manager announced that Empire District is planning to take Leon Gowens, lineman out of Galena. He cited if the city needs service they will have to contact the 800 number. He advised he will be writing Empire District on behalf of the city protesting this action, and urged the citizens to write or contact Empire District.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER:**

City Manager, Jack Murray reported Richard Eckler, Code Enforcement Officer had resigned as of February 28th and he would be advertising for the position.

**PLACEMENT OF SINGLE WIDE
TRAILERS IN THE CITY.**

Citizens spoke concerning the proposed regulations of the commission that singlewide trailers are allowed only in Mobile Home Parks.

Doug Spears home owner said he felt placing single wide trailers near new housing has a negative effect on housing and the sale of houses and also pits neighbor against neighbor sometimes.

A citizen stated she owns a single wide mobile home which is in a mobile home park, but would like to move it to a piece of property she owns. If the commission changes the regulations on trailers she would not be able to.

Commissioner Oglesby stated the question on placement of trailers has been with the city for at least ten years, and has never been resolved to the satisfaction of everyone.

The commission instructed the city attorney to continue to working on an ordinance, which will establish firm guidelines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to go into executive session for 10 minutes for personnel matters with the city manager to remain. **Motion declared carried**

**ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:12 P.M.
AND RETURNED AT 7:19 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order after executive session at 7:19 p.m. in the commission chamber with Mayor George Jackson presiding with **no action taken.**

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present:
**LATURNER; OGLESBY; WEBSTER;
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**SCHERMERHORN PARK/
BIKING ACROSS KANSAS:**

Lillian Price questioned if the commission had the authority to ignore the city's ordinances on file, which says no alcohol in city parks. She also questioned if the commission could do it on this ordinance they could do it on all the rest of the ordinances. She asked should they not adopt a new ordinance to repeal the old ordinance.

Mayor Jackson stated in this case they went without an ordinance, trying to make it easy on everybody, they checked out having extra police patrol. He stated himself he would prefer they go across the state line, but felt there was nothing wrong in allowing this if we want to bring people into our city.

City Attorney Doug Steele stated an ordinance is an ordinance and a violation is a violation pure and simple, can you just blankly ignore something. He stated as the city attorney he would be ill advised to advise the commission to break the law. He stated as a commission they had the right to adopt or change ordinances by commission vote.

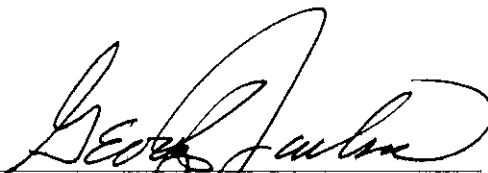
Commissioner Oglesby stated he heard a comment about what kind of message are we sending to our kids and that is something we really need to search our hearts about.

Commissioner LaTurner stated he voted for and still did not feel they had done anything so wrong in principal. but he was not in favor of changing the ordinance for special occasions, because every third weekend someone would come before them for a special occasion, and that's not the kind of image he wants to see for the park and we might be opening a can of worms if we change the ordinance.

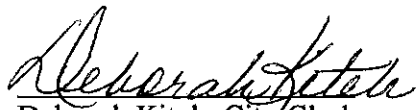
The commission decided to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to adjourn the Regular meeting. **Motion declared carried.**


George Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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