

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
APRIL 16, 2001**

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, April 16, 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; WEBSTER; BRANDENBURG; JACKSON
ABSENT: OGLESBY
- MINUTES:**
- Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting April 2, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to approve and place on file the minutes of the special commission meeting April 3, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to approve and place on file the minutes of the special commission meeting April 12, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**
- NATURE WALK
SCHERMERHORN PARK:** Linda Phipps spoke before the commission on behalf of the committee for a nature walk in Schermerhorn Park. They asked the commission for a written agreement that the committee would be able to manage the area and reassurance this would not change when the commission changed.
- Mayor Jackson stated they could not bind the future commission members to an agreement.
- Commissioner LaTurner stated they needed to check with the attorney and the mayor could appoint a non-fee committee being a year to year thing and this committee stay on top of the city and keep the appointments coming,
- SEWER LAGOON BONDS:** Robert Davis with Cooper, Malone, McClain, Inc. stated a few changes were requested by Rural Development on the

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paperwork previously presented to the commission and his reason for being there this evening was to have the paperwork signed by the mayor, city clerk, and city treasurer. He advised the commission the closing would be April 25th.

LIFT STATION PUMP:

City Manager, Jack Murray reported to the commission they had been having a lot of trouble with the lift station pump down on Main Street in the valley. He advised they needed to order one new pump and mounting flange to go with it at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked he would take bids or is it a specialty item. City Manager, Murray replied it was a specialty item and would match the other pumps they have in operation along with the control panel.

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to purchase a pump for the lift station. Motion declared carried.

WATER MANAGER:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated he had provided in the commission packet a resolution to reinstate the position of Water Manager. He noted sometime back the position of Water Manger and Lead Man had been done away with and Charlie Sweet had been made Assistant City Superintendent. Randy Youngblood is currently training for Water and Gordon Smith received his certification for wastewater. City Manager, Murray stated he would like to move Gordon Smith into the wastewater position and the raise that goes with it retroactive back to the 4th of April. He advised this would move Randy Youngblood from wastewater to water manager, and Gordon Smith to wastewater operator.

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution 01-12 to reinstate the position of water manager. Motion declared carried.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to open an account for the funds received from Rural Development for the

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lagoon project, and for the mayor, city treasurer, and city clerk to be official signers. **Motion declared carried.**

MITIGATION ORDINANCE: City Manager, Jack Murray stated Rural Development required mitigation measures prior to pre-closing April 23, 2001.

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to pass ordinance **01-05** an ordinance regarding protection of important land resources and mitigation measures for the City of Galena, Kansas. **Motion declared carried.**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER/SWIMMING
POOL:**

Commissioner LaTurner asked how we were doing on hiring a Code Enforcement officer. City Manager Murray stated he was still looking at applications and advised he wanted to have it done so he could announce one at the first meeting in May.

Commissioner Brandenburg inquired if he had people lined up to run the pool. City Manager, Murray replied he had two applications and would have that done.

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Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to approve **Appropriations Ord. #-01-04** in the amount of \$88,229.39. **Motion declared carried.**

CHARLES SWEET:

Thanks were given to Charlie Sweet for the job well done as City Superintendent until the vacancy was filled.

**LEBETTE CORRECTION
INMATES:**

Commissioner LaTurner inquired if we would be receiving the inmates. City Manager, Murray said he had spoke to Charlie a little about this and had been looking at the economics on using the inmates. All the city's employees, which is a total of five people, watching the inmates would have to be re-certified and would need to attend CPR classes. He reported looking at the logistics last year we spent a small fortune. He said they

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fought almost daily keeping a vehicle running to transport them. He had looked at the amount of good they were getting, and by the time they arrived, got their tools ready, took a break for lunch and put every thing put away to go back to camp we were getting five to five and half hours maximum production, with three to five men tied up all day long to watch them. He stated we were going to be watched much closer than before if the girls came back and been told that from the camp. He felt it would be better to get out from under it right now.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if he had done a cost analyst on it. City Manager Murray stated from our personnel it cost us \$6.83 per man-hour for the time we had them here.

City Manager, Murray advised he would get with the new City Superintendent and see what his thoughts are in obtaining the inmates.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of office was given to Lynn Hardman newly elected commissioner. Dale Oglesby retaining a commission seat was absent.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners PRESENT: LATURNER; HARDMAN; BRANDENBURG; JACKSON
ABSENT: OGLESBY

ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Move by Brandenburg, seconded by Hardman to make a nomination for Commissioner LaTurner as mayor and Commissioner Oglesby as mayor pro-tem. **Motion declared carried.** AYES: Brandenburg, Hardman, Jackson
ABSTAIN: LaTurner

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

George Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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