

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
APRIL 17, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday April 17, 2000, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER, JACKSON, BRANDENBURG, OGLESBY, WEBSTER.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting of **April 3, 2000. Motion declared carried.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST
PUBLIC HEARING:**

Sandy Erbe representing Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, and administrator of the city's sewer lagoon project grant addressed the commission in regard to the public hearing published in the Galena Sentinel for the April 17th commission meeting. She stated the problem arose when Jack Murray was hired as city manger and also worked for the firm Engineering Management Consultants, the engineering firm who had contracted with the city to engineer the sewer lagoon project.

She stated due to the fact that Engineering Management Consultants had already designed the project and had been paid over 50% (fifty percent) by the funds the city has received, she has spoken to the state and would request a waiver. She explained the

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public hearing was one of the processes they had to go through, along with a copy of the minutes showing the public hearing was held, an affidavit of publication showing the public hearing was published in the local paper, a letter from the city attorney stating no laws were being broken, plus a letter for the commission to sign stating they understand the conflict of interest policy.

Mayor LaTurner stated since this was a public hearing he would open it up for public discussion. No comments were made by the public.

Motion made by Oglesby, seconded by Brandenburg to sign the paperwork .
Motion declared carried.

Mayor LaTurner stated they would also need the city attorney to follow through with a letter of approval.

APPR# 00-4:

Commissioner Webster questioned the payment to Glenn Simmons stating they had approved the hauling of flyash to the monofil at \$2700.00 but questioned the excess \$5,000.00. Mel Mittag stated he had discussed it with the city manager and it would be a washout, with Simmons bringing loads to the landfill and paying the city. Commissioner Oglesby stated he would like to see the digging of new cells bided out and let the best man win. Also questioned was the excess purchase of gloves. Commissioner Jackson asked about stocking supplies instead of running to town two or three time a day.

Mayor LaTurner, stated he would like to see purchase of materials in a more efficient manner.

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Motion made by Oglesby, seconded by Webster to approve Appr#00-4 in the amount of \$83,442.47. **Motion declared carried.**

ORDINANCE ON SPENDING:

In changing the spending cap from 301.00 to \$1250.00 made it more than the \$1000.00 emergency spending in the ordinance. The city attorney questioned what the commission wanted to do, raise the emergency spending or do away with it. The city attorney stated the emergency spending needed to be increased or deleted. Commissioner Jackson stated he did not see why we need the emergency spending in the ordinance.

It was turned back to the attorney to present a final draft at the next meeting.

PAINTING OF TRUCKS:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated they had a Nissan in for painting and then Mel's truck would go in for painting. The old water truck with the red doors the city would paint and use it at the demolition landfill.

AMERICAN DISPOSAL:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated he had spoke with American Disposal and they would like to meet with the commission, to propose a contract with the city on taking over the city's trash routes.

NOMINATION OF MAYOR:

Commissioner Brandenburg stated he would like to nominate George Jackson as mayor starting the 19th of this month for a year.

Mayor LaTurner asked for a motion. Commissioner Brandenburg said this was not a motion it was a nomination to vote.

The mayor asked for votes. Commissioner Webster said he thought they automatically moved each year. Commissioner Oglesby said he had not really thought

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about it, this had took him by surprise completely. Commissioner Brandenburg asked Commissioner Jackson if he was going to vote he answered yes.

AYES: Brandenburg; Webster; Jackson
ABSTAIN: Oglesby

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR
PROTEM:

Commissioner Jackson nominated Commissioner Brandenburg as Mayor Protem.

AYES: Jackson; Webster; Oglesby

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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