

MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
MAY 3, 2004

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, May 3, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.** in the commission chambers with Mayor Scott Donaldson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners **present:** DONALDSON; HARDMAN; SHOEMAKER; DAVIES; **absent:** OGLESBY

MINUTES:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting March 15, 2004. Motion declared carried.**

Special Meeting 3-22-04 (No quorum)

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting March 25, 2004. Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting March 31, 2004. Motion declared carried**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting April 5, 2004. Motion declared carried**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting April 7, 2004. Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Regular Commission Meeting April 19, 2004. Motion declared carried**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the **Special Commission Meeting April 21, 2004. Motion declared carried**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting April 22, 2004. **Motion declared carried.**

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

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**LOCAL HOUSING BOARD  
APPOINTMENT:**

Mayor Donaldson appointed Gale Washom to the Local Housing Board.

**CITIZEN'S GROUP:**

George Jackson, representing the citizen's group spoke before the commission stating they wanted the commission to know they were in total support of them.

**MEL MITTAG  
MOTOR CONTROLS MAIN LIFT  
STATION:**

Mel Mittag spoke before the commission stating he was having problems at the main lift station and had been in contact with Dale Yager of Rural Development. He was told to submit bids to Rural Development with the approval of the commission. He presented 3 bids for the variable speed drive motor, labor, hard wiring, rock and lights.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Hardman to authorize Mel Mittag to purchase motor, get it installed, replace the lighting and purchase rock for a total of \$17,390.00 to come out of the balance of Rural Development's loan monies from the lagoon project. Motion declared carried.

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell introduced and welcomed Jim Ray as the new code enforcement officer/cemetery sexton.

**CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP:**

The commission was informed by the city manager that it was his opinion at this point not to have a city wide clean-up. Instead of investing in a lot of overtime hours and having the landfill open irregular extended hours, is to look at these on a case to case basis. At last meeting it was approved to rent four dumpsters for clean up at a cost of \$1200.00. He advised Jim Ray had already started tackling a lot of the issues on the clean up effort. Further discussion for citywide cleanup tabled until a later date.

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Shoemaker to rescind the April 19<sup>th</sup> motion regarding four dumpster rentals at \$1200.00. **Motion declared carried.**

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**AYES: Donaldson, Hardman, Shoemaker, Davies**

**NAYS: None**

**DRUG TESTING:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell advised the commission they had drug-testing proposals in their packets. It would cost about \$1200.00 per year to do employee drug testing.

**TRAFFIC INTERSECTIONS:**

City Manager, Jamie Bell informed the commission he had put in their packet a policy regarding traffic flow, and advised some yield signs would have to be put up in the city.

**KING'S HOUSING ADDITION  
KENNY SHEPARD:**

Recommended by the City Manager that the city's work crews be allowed to work on this project in the sense of putting in the sewer and water lines.

Commissioner Davies asked if it had been engineered. City Manager advised none of it had been engineered. Commissioner Davies asked how we got by without it.

City Superintendent, Sonny Webster stated he started laying a 6-in. line and previous City Manager, Jack Murray changed it to a 2-in. line. When he contacted the state he was told it did not matter what size line he used it is suppose to be engineered.

City Manager replied this was something that should have been done before the project started, and advising he was not part of it when it originally started. Now they are in a situation were it is almost completely developed.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated the previous city manager should have advised it be engineered.

City Manager, Jamie Bell said something to keep in mind is we have an engineering firm under contract at this point which is Metropolitan Engineering Services out of Joplin and Pittsburg. They are under contract for the landfill, so it might be worth a call and let them comment on it, or see what costs would be incurred. Whatever the outcome on the engineering, he would still restate his opinion that the city if at all possible needs to help Mr. Shepard finish up this housing project.

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LANDFILL ORDINANCE:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and pass Ordinance# 04-03 modifying a previous enactment concerning uses permitted outright to include the operation by the city of a landfill in an M-1 zoned area.

**AYES: Donaldson, Hardman, Shoemaker, Davies**

**NAYS: None**

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

Indemnity agreement concerning city lawsuit with previous police chief Cameron Arthur.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to approve the Indemnity agreement for Mayor Scott Donaldson, Commissioner Marion Davies, Commissioner Darrell Shoemaker, City Manager, Jamie Bell, and Police Chief Garry Abram.

Mayor Donaldson called for a roll call vote: **Donaldson; YEA**  
**Shoemaker; YEA**  
**Davies; YEA**  
**Hardman; NAY**

**Motion declared carried.**

LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Hardman to approve payment of liability insurance in the amount of \$53,789.00  
**Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson, Hardman, Shoemaker, Davies**

**NAYS: None**

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT  
GROUP:

Walter Bradshaw volunteered for chairperson on the change of government committee. Mayor Donaldson stated he would like to speak with him before appointment of chairperson. Mayor Donaldson stated the only reason a committee was set up was to look into the different forms of government and bring back their recommendations.

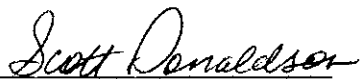
ADJOURNMENT:

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

**AYES: Donaldson, Hardman, Shoemaker, Davies**

**NAYS: None**

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Scott Donaldson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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