MINUTES OF THE GALENA CITY COUNCIL, GALENA, KANSAS, MAY 16, 1967

The council of the city of Galena met in regular session in the council chamber at the city hall at 8 p.m., May 16, 1967.

Present: Councilmen Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Absent: Councilmen Duley and Hammontree.

Presiding: Mayor Frank P. Dillon.

Present also: City Marshall Hamlin, Superintendent of Public Works Roberts, and Citt Clerk Chesnutt.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as submitted by copy to all councilmen prior to the meeting. Motion carried via voce.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Piercefield, that roofers in the locality be allowed to bid on 63 squares, 30 lb of patchsheet that would be required to make necessary repairs to the city hall's roof recently damaged by storm and also mop-and-patch needed to repair the Fire Department Building. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Watkins moved, that due to the excessive damage to the aforementioned roofs and the intervening time until the next council meeting on June 6, 1967, that the governing body grant the authority to allow the Finance Committee to enter into a contract with roofers for the necessary repairs. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Pittman, that whereas a check had been previously drawn to the order of the Joplin Printing Company in payment of supplies in the sum of \$18.07, payment of which had been previously approved by the Council, properly signed by Arthur Milton Moeller, Mayor, and Berenice Tennis, City Treasurer, that Betty B. Chesnutt be granted authority to attest to the signature of Arthur Milton Moeller, Mayor, and said check be released to the Joplin Printing Company. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Cure, that the Finance Committee be granted the authority to discuss with the publisher of the city's official newspaper charges to the city for printing and to obtain the necessary proofs of publication in order to make satisfactory remittance of the city's obligation. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Barker moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that six (6) new (Badger) water meters costing \$32 each, totaling \$192 be purchased for use within the Water Department. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Barker moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that 50 ft. of 14-gauge, 15", @ 3.41 ft., be purchased by the Water Department in order that completion of a water line under the Frisco tracks be reached. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Barker moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that the Superintendent of Public Works be granted authority to purchase a chain hoist from a Chicago firm. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Pittman moved, seconded by Barker, to extend the water main 872 feet on West 21st Street and remaining within the city limits. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Mr. Wilbur Moody displayed to the Council a proposed residential development by private enterprise and suggested plan for opening of Dewey Street at a later date. Discussion was entered into by the Council as a whole with Mr. Moody but no action was taken.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Cure, that the Street Department be instructed to construct a gate that could be closed to prevent traffic from using the alley throughout the period of time when play was occurring within the Little League Ball Park but that the alley was to remain open otherwise. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Pittman, that tables and benches from Schermerhorn Park be moved by the Superintendent of Public Works to be used during the Galena Day Celebration. Motion carried via voce.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Pittman, that the city employ the boys working for the Southeast Community Action Program on Friday and Saturday, May 26-27, to aid in cleaning the cemeteries in preparation for Decoration Day. Motion carried via roll call vote as follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Piercefield, that any expense that might be incurred in installing a "loop" at Schermerhorn by an electrician be approved by the Council. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Councilman Watkins introduced an ordinance creating a planning and zoning commission, providing for the appointment and terms of office of the members thereof, defining the powers and duties of said commission, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith. Following discussion of the ordinance, Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Cure, that the city attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance pertaining to the creation of a planning and zoning commission. Motion carried via voce.

Mr. Earl Drum, representative of Dumbold, Fitch & Associates, discussed the foregoing ordinance, however, no further action was taken by the Council on the matter.

Councilman Karr introduced an ordinance relating to the swimming pool of the city of Galena, Kansas; creating the offices of manager and assistant manager of said swimming pool, establishing salaries, compensation and defining the duties and qualifications of said offices and repealing Ordinances No. 773, 775, and 788 of the City of Galena, Kansas. Following discussion of the foregoing ordinance, Pittman moved, seconded by Cure, that the ordinance be accepted. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None. A statutory majority of the councilmen having voted for passage of the ordinance, it was declared passed and the title agreed to. The city clerk assigned it No. 832.

Councilman Piercefield introduced the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Galena, Kansas:

It is hereby declared expedient for good government of the City of Galena, Kansas, that any person committed to or imprisoned in or held in the City jail in Galena, Kansas, may at the discretion of the Police Judge and/or City Marshall, be transferred to the County jail in Columbus, Kansas, for the duration of his sentence and imprisonment and the City of Galena shall pay to Cherokee County the costs provided by law for maintaining such persons so transferred to the County jail.

Adopted by the Governing Body at its regular Council Meeting this 16th day of May, 1967.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Watkins, that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Piercefield further stated that the county officials had requested that two copies of the resolution be sent them so that they might sign one copy and return it to Galena while retaining one copy of same for their files.

Councilman Watkins introduced an appropriation ordinance to pay claims, and, the meeting being public, was considered, and on roll call the vote was: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None. Statutory majority having voted for passage of the ordinance, it was declared passed and title agreed to. The clerk assigned it No. 525.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Pittman, that the resignation of Paul Duley, Councilman of the Second Ward, be accepted as submitted April 5, 1967, and received by registered mail. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Councilman Karr moved, seconded by Piercefield, that Ray Hammontree's resignation as Councilman of the Third Ward be accepted as same was by written notice on April 3, 1967, and received by registered mail. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None.

Mayor Frank P. Dillon appointed William Pittman to the Finance Committee and Bill Watkins to the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Piercefield, that Mayor Dillon's appointments be confirmed by the Council. The vote on roll call was: Yeas - Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon appointed Clyda Reed as police matron. Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Piercefield, that the Mayor's appointment of Mrs. Reed as police matron be affirmed. Motion carried on roll call vote am follows: Piercefield, Watkins, Barker, Cure, Kitch, Karr, and Pittman.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Councilman Cure, that an executive session be held. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon reconvened the meeting following a closed session of the Mayor and Councilmen.

Councilman Watkins moved, seconded by Councilman Piercefield that the Police Department be instructed to watch more closely all long-distance telephone calls and that county officials be required to pay for all toll calls made by their departments. Motion carried via voce.

Discussion regarding the activities of the Police Department was entered into but no action was taken.

Councilman Piercefield moved, seconded by Pittman, that the meeting be adjourn. Motion carried.

Detty Clerk

Mayor