

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MAY 17, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday May 17, 1999, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting of May 3, 1999, with an amendment to the minutes changing the Uniform Policy to reflect that the investigator for the police department does not have to wear a uniform except when the Chief of Police designates he should.
Motion declared carried.

Commissioner Jackson stated this hinders his job being in uniform a lot and had spoken to the city manager concerning this.

COMMUNITY CLINIC OF JOPLIN:

Sandy Richardson, spoke to the commission on behalf of the Community Clinic of Joplin. She stated the clinic offered free medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in the four state area. Statistics showed a large population came from Southeast Kansas. She stated this was a support finding mission, to see if Galena would be interested in setting up a clinic like Joplin. She stated there was no money asked from Galena, only space with a secure area. They would ask for a telephone line,

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utilities, janitorial service and also community commitment, as far as volunteers. The clinic carries their own medical liability.

The commission relayed they felt this was a good ideal if space could be found. Ms. Richardson stated she would look forward to hearing from them.

**LEAGUE OF KANSAS
MUNICIPALITIES
Y2K SEMINAR:**

City Manager Nice advised a Y2K Seminar was being held on June 21, 22, and 23 and wanted to know if the commission wanted to involve themselves. Mayor LaTurner asked City Manager Nice if he was planning to attend. He stated on a contingency basis he should go, but had not planned on it since as far as we are concerned the city is compliant and will not be effected unless the power goes off and that's what they are saying if the power goes off what are we going to do, so maybe he should go.

Mayor LaTurner advised he should do some research with Empire District and if finds the need to go would support him going.

**BRIDGES ON DEWEY
& WOOD STREET:**

City Manager, Nice stated the bridge on Dewey St. had washed out with the rain and asked if we wanted to replace this an legitimate road.

Commissioner Jackson stated we only had one route south in an emergency situation and that was Main Street. Mayor LaTurner agreed and felt it was a mistake to get rid of the road.

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Commissioner Brandenburg stated if we couldn't get a bridge on Dewey Street we should stop it up.

Mayor LaTurner stated he didn't feel we should make a decision on Dewey Street until Wood Street was fixed.

MOWERS:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to approve the purchase of two push mowers at a cost of \$340.00. Motion declared carried.

ELECTION FOR TWO
NEW COMMISSION SEATS:

Tabled due to absence of City Attorney

APPR# 99-5:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to approve Appr# 99-5 in the amount of \$67,531.46. Motion declared carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jackson stated we needed to revisit the Health Insurance we are taking away from the employee. He stated he does agree when this was first put in place paying all of the employee's insurance it should not have been done, but we were changing the rules in the middle of the game.

Mayor LaTurner, stated he did not know of any company that paid full health benefits for an employee.

Commissioner Jackson stated he wanted to make sure the employees and their families were covered.

Mr. Bob Shyrock from the audience, wanted to know why we should have to pay for the city manager to take a trip back home to

Illinois if we are cutting expenses everywhere else.

Mayor LaTurner stated he had heard grumbling on the street and understood the city vehicle was taken to Illinois, with the city manager buying the gas for it, but the city owns the vehicle and if it should not have been done, appropriate steps will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular meeting of the Galena City Commissioners. Motion declared carried.

Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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