

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 2, 1987

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Galena was called to order Tuesday, June 2, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in the council chambers with Mayor Tom Allen presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following councilmembers present: Murray, King, Watkins, Wilson, Anderson, Stephenson, Byrd, and Poelma. Absent: Fitzner, Hayes.

Fitzner entered immediately following roll call.

MINUTES:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Anderson to approve and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 1987. Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Allen opened the meeting for a public hearing on the parking on Main Street. Councilmember Poelma stated he felt the parking should be changed to parallel parking on Main Street because of the danger in backing out into traffic.

Councilmember Anderson stated he had received calls against parallel parking because of the lack of parking and that people were not able to parallel park as well as they used to.

Discussion changed to the possibility of changing the angle of parking.

Motion by Byrd, seconded by Watkins, to refer to the Street Committee to study a suitable angle for parking on Main St. Motion declared carried.

DENNIS WILLIAMS:

Dennis Williams representing Williams Machine & Tool Company was present to ask the Council to consider a tax abatement for an expansion of 4200 sq. ft. which he plans for his business. He stated the mil levy in Cherokee County is 123 mils where if he moved to Jasper Co. the mil levy would be 39. Williams stated he is willing to pay the taxes he presently pays but could not afford to pay double that if he expanded his business.

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Poelma to have the City Attorney draft a resolution or Ordinance which would abate taxes on Williams' expansion for 10 years. Motion declared carried.

VACATION:

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Anderson to approve 1 weeks vacation for Tony Foster beginning June 8. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Poelma to approve one weeks vacation for Mike Wendt June 22-27. Motion declared carried.

TRAIN PROJECT:

Mayor Allen stated there was a group trying to get a train ride for a tourist attraction from Baxter Springs to Galena and asked the City to assist with funding.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Watkins to draft a resolution to support the train project. Motion declared carried.

HIRE 2 EMPLOYEES:

The Personnel Committee recommended Gordon Smith and Milbern Mittag for the positions of Laborer.

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Watkins, that Milbern Mittag and Gordon Smith be approved as probationary employees. Motion declared carried.

DEWEY ST. vs WOOD ST.:

Mike King chairman of the Street committee stated for Dewey Street 90 loads of dirt and clay and 29 loads of base rock would be required. For Wood Street, 70 ton of Asphalt at \$11.50 per ton would be needed.

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Wilson, to fix Wood St. Show of hands indicated 4 ayes-- King, Wilson, Fitzer & Poelma. 5 nays--Byrd, Stephenson, Murray, Watkins, Anderson.

Motion declared failed.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Watkins to open Dewey St. for emergency traffic. Show of hands indicated: 5 ayes--Byrd, Stephenson, Murray, Watkins & Anderson. 4 nays--King, Wilson, Fitzer, Poelma. Motion declared carried.

PURCHASE DUMPTRUCK:

Moved by King, seconded by Murray, to purchase a 1979 GMC flatbed truck to be converted into a dumptruck from C & S Equipment in ^{picay} Miami at a cost of \$3750. Motion declared carried.

*Amended
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PROPERTY @ 1001 WOOD:

The personnel committee recommends the sale of property at 1001 Wood as a source of revenue toward the purchase of new equipment.

Moved by King, seconded by Watkins, to seek appraisal of property and repair and clean up as needed with cost of same not to exceed \$200. Appraisal to be presented at next regular meeting. Motion declared carried.

BIDS ON POLICE CARS:

Mayor Allen opened the bid submitted by Woodside Motors on the police cars. The bid for the 1983 Chevy was \$751 and on the 1985 Chevy was \$2251.

Discussion was that the 1983 Chevy and the 1985 Chevy police cars be placed in the City Auction.

Moved by King, seconded by Watkins that the auction be set for June 28 and to set prices on wholesale prices of cars for auction. Motion declared carried.

HONORARY CITIZENS OF GALENA:

Fire Department requested that during Galena Days Mike Snider, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Puett and Mr. & Mrs. Toby Nemmers be honored and presented a certificate as honorary Citizens of Galena.

Moved by Watkins, seconded by King to grant honorary citizens certificates to these participants of the Galena Days celebration. Motion declared carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Allen submitted the name of Nadine Smallwood as Judge Pro-Tem. Moved by Watkins, seconded by King that Nadine Smallwood be appointed as Judge Pro-Tem. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Allen asked that Jim LaTurner and Faye Ashburn be confirmed to the Housing Authority Board.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Watkins that Faye Ashburn and Jim LaTurner be confirmed. Motion declared carried.

VACATION:

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Poelma that Mary Northcutt be approved for 2 weeks vacation for the last 2 weeks of June. Motion declared carried.

RESIGNATION:

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Poelma to accept the resignation of Jeff Martin, Patrolman as read by Mayor Allen. Motion declared carried.

ADVERTISE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Stephenson to advertise for applications for patrolman. Motion declared carried.

ANIMAL TRAPS:

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Poelma to make traps for dogs and cats not to exceed \$200.00 for materials. Motion declared carried.

RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Poelma stated he had conducted a meeting with City employees and found that the majority were interested in a retirement program.

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Fitzer that the City Clerk contact Insurance Companies and KPERS reference bids on a retirement program. Motion declared carried.

WATER WELL PUMP:

Moved by Watkins, seconded by Byrd, to purchase collar and coupling for the water pump. Cost of top half is \$497. and Bottom half \$476. Bearing for motor have already been purchased. Motion declared carried.

CHLORINATOR:

Moved by King, seconded by Anderson to allow someone to go to Miami to pick up Chlorinator for back up well before repairs are started on the main well. Motion declared carried.

Wilson, chairman of the Water Committee asked the Council to consider the purchase of a new motor for standby from Tennessee at a cost of \$4510.55 plus freight.

WATER BILL-1000 E. 7TH:

Jerry Derfelt was present to discuss a water bill that was received by the First Baptist Church which showed a leak. The property is owned by the Church but they had never requested the meter to be turned on and had ran new line for service.

Moved by King, seconded by Murray to absorb the water leak at that property. Motion declared carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Fitzer to go into executive session at 8:00 P.M. for 15 minutes to discuss personnel. Motion declared carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

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PAYROLL:

Moved by King, seconded by Stephenson to approve payroll 87-12 in the amount of \$10,027.07. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Watkins, to approve payroll 87-12A in the amount of \$8, 043.09. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Watkins, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council. Motion declared carried.

Thomas Y. Allen
Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Haines
Cheryl Haines, City Clerk

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