

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
JUNE 7, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday June 7, 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 17, 1999. **Motion declared carried.**

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting of May 27, 1999. **Motion declared carried.**

MAP INC.

Phil Fishburne with MAP, Inc. presented an update on the sewer and water projects. MAP, Inc. is a non-profit organization, which helps small towns develop sewer and water projects. He stated on the wastewater project, Jack Murray engineer had finally received some guidance from KDHE as to what they were looking for in the preliminary engineering reports, Murray submitted a revised report to Rural Development, and the states Rural Development engineer was in the process of reviewing the report. He stated after the process we would know what kind of rate the project would cost and Rural Development would then meet with the commission with a letter of condition, which

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is basically the terms they plan to loan the money under and the city will be expected to fulfill the terms. Once this is done they will give permission to solicit bids on the project.

Phil Fishburne stated the city had committed funds for a water project and needed to make a decision in the near future. He stated there was basically three options (1) Use the funding that was committed to the city (2) Return the funds to Rural Development (3) Utilize part of the funding to do a scaled back project.

GILSTRAP SHEET METAL:

City Manager Nice, stated air-conditioning had been put in the Library in an emergency situation. Mayor LaTurner advised Gilstrap Sheet Metal was the lowest bid.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to pay an invoice of \$7000.00 to Gilstrap sheet metal. **Motion declared carried.**

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD:

City Manager Nice stated we had renewed with Blue-Cross/Blue Shield, basically the same plan, with the addition of a \$15 office visit co-pay and \$10 generic/ \$15 brand name prescription card and the city would be paying for the employee only at a cost of \$194.23. Mr. Nice stated he had looked at other policies and Blue Cross was the lowest cost.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP:

Authorization was given by the commission for City Manager Nice to drive to Topeka on June 23rd and remain the night to attend the

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National Flood Insurance Program
Workshop on June 24th .

BUILDING DEMOLITION:

City Manager, Nice announced he had a report from the Building Inspector regarding Houses at 206 W. 1st and 208 W. 1st and according to the demolition procedure the city could proceed to remove the structures. In the report the Building Inspector stated the owner had failed to comply with Resolution 99-9, which allowed 15 days to repair or remove structure with no effort being made on the owner's part. City Manager nice requested permission from the commission to advertise for a local contractor to accomplish the demolition rather than the city's staff and the selection if less than \$300.00 by him, more than \$300 he will bring back to the commission.

Mayor LaTurner noted that repairs were being made on the three other pieces of property on the condemnation list.

Mayor LaTurner suggested we revert these to the City Attorney making sure we are following the right procedures and then proceed with it.

The City Attorney advised that we have an emergency provisions that if it is apparent to the Building Inspector that the building is so unsafe as to pose an immediate danger to children or people that may have cause or need to enter the property they can cut out a lot of the steps.

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to proceed with the demolition

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of 206 W. 1st St. & 208 W. 1st St. **Motion**
Brandenburg to proceed with the demolition
declared carried.

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by
Brandenburg for the City Manager to get
with the Building Inspector to write up a
recommendation for an emergency
demolition for the property at E. 1st (118)
Street. **Motion declared carried.**

**EMC INSURANCE PAYMENT
(BASH LAWSUIT)**

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by
Jackson to pay \$2500.00 Insurance cost for
the Bash lawsuit against the city. **Motion**
declared carried.

DUMP TRUCK:

City Manager Nice approached the
commission with pictures of some rebuilt
trucks out of Springfield, MO. He requested
that the money from the up coming auction
be used to purchase one.

No action was take by commission at this
time.

C & N CORPORATION:

City Manager Nice stated there had been
complaints from people in Empire regarding
the dust and sidewalk coverings. Larry
Courtney represented C& N Corporation.
Mr. Courtney stated he had been trying to
meet all the requirements and was more than
willing to work with the city on correcting
any problems.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elective personnel matters with the City Manager to remain.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:52 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena city commission was called to order after executive session at 7:05 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

SALARY INCREASES:

Mayor LaTurner, asked the city attorney legally if the chief administrative could give raises or did it need to be done through resolution or ordinance.

Commissioner Jackson stated it seemed to him the City Manager should bring the figures before the commission and they say yes or no.

The City Attorney stated he did not know, and if the City Manager would send him a memo he would research it.

SPECIAL ELECTION:

City Attorney, Mike Goodrich stated they needed to call a special meeting, concerning the special election so they could meet with

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Maurice Soper, County Clerk on how to proceed with the election.

Discussion was held on exempting the city from primary elections.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular meeting.

Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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