

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
JULY 1, 1998**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday July 15, 1998, at 6:00 P.M. in the commissioners chambers with David Shallenburger presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER, COLEMAN, SHALLENBURGER.

MINUTES:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commissioners meeting of June 17, 1998. Motion declared carried.

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to place on file the minutes of the special commissioners meeting of June 25, 1998. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Coleman, seconded by LaTurner to place on file the Galena Fire Department meeting of June 26, 1998. Motion declared carried.

WATER/SEWER RATES:

Water and sewer rates were discussed by the commissioners with input from the citizens present. Commissioner LaTurner gave a brief summary of the conclusions of the water committee consisting of Mark LaTurner, Cliff McQuillen, and Dale Oglesby.

Commissioner LaTurner stated the water fund would operate at a deficit without the

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\$3.50 surcharge which was rescinded. He stated rates must be sufficient to pay for the operating costs, maintenance and improvements as needed.

Commissioner LaTurner stated their proposal was a \$6.50 base rate for the first 1000 gallons and 1.50 per 1000 gallons of water thereafter.

The sewer rate, which is currently based on the water consumption would be \$4.00 for the base rate of a 1000 gallons and a \$1.90 per 1000 gallons with no sewer charge for usage in excess of 9,000 gallons.

No action was taken on rate increases for sewer or water.

**EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM
THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A.
14-1302:**

City attorney Mike Goodrich stated the intent of the city was to hire Commissioner LaTurner but the delay was caused when city officials learned that K.S.A. 14-1302 prohibited a commissioner from taking a position that he helped fix the salary for. Mr. Goodrich stated the city could adopt a Charter Ordinance exempting itself from the statute.

Tami Allen, resident indicated if the commission adopts the charter ordinance she would initiate a petition against the ordinance.

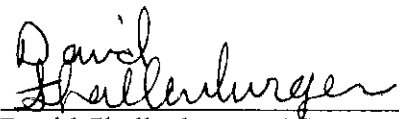
Discussion was held on the vacant commission seat. The city attorney stated Mr. LaTurner had not been hired as city manager yet and there was no contractual agreement, but if there was a vacant

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Commission seat, a new commissioner would be elected by the remaining commissioners and serve until the next city election.

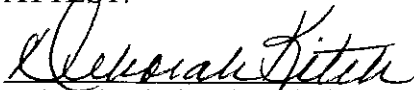
ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Shallenburger to adjourn the regular meeting.



David Shallenburger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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