

MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 17, 1990

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order Tuesday, July 17, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll Call indicated the following council members present: King, Watkins, Byrd, Moran, Fitzer, Tipton, Miller  
ABSENT: Poelma, Hayes, Qualls

MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 3, 1990 regular meeting were amended as follows:

Page 3, 3RD & SHORT: There are possibly people working or living in the old Galena Sentinel Building. A group of young people congregate behind the building.

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Tipton to approve and place on file the minutes as amended. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: FITZER

1991 BUDGET:

Council Members were provided copies of the 1991 budget in their packets. Matt Mense asked if any had questions and stated the council would be accepting the budget for publication. A hearing will be held after the budget is published. He also noted one change in the budget as prepared for the packets. The attorney general had ruled the previous week that the levy for the library fund could be increased to allow for the expected loss of revenue due to the expected decrease in motor vehicle taxes. The levy for the library was raised to 2.83 and the levy for employee benefits was lowered to 7.32. He also noted that the budget as prepared is based on the valuation provided by the county treasurer. This is subject to change due to the number of protests which have not been determined.

POELMA ENTERED 7:11 P.M.

Moved by King, seconded by Miller to approve the budget as presented. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURN TO COMMUNITY ROOM:

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to adjourn and move to the community room due to the number of persons in attendance. Motion declared carried.

CALL TO ORDER:

The adjourned meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order Tuesday, July 17, 1990 at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room, with Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following council members present: Poelma, King, Watkins, Byrd, Moran, Fitzer, Tipton, Miller.  
ABSENT: Hayes, Qualls

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GO CART TRACK:

Max Bryd volunteered to wait until committee reports to speak on the go cart track issue.

Clyde Coleman, representing the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the track. The chamber feels that anything that will bring revenue to the city that is not imoral or illegal should be supported. They do not feel it will create undue noise than traffic on 7th Street. They feel the community will support the track if it is approved.

Mr. Oglesby presented a change to the plans as presented at the previous council meeting. He offered, as part of the lease, to pay the city 15¢ per ticket. According to projections, this could bring between \$20,000 and \$100,000 annually into city funds.

The Community Development Committee met and discussed this project. They recommend the city approve and lease the property to Mr. Oglesby for 5 years and at the end of this period, if it has been improved as projected, it would be deeded to him. If the property ceases to be used as a go cart track, it would revert back to the city with the city having first option to purchase the improvements.

Max Byrd spoke against the project. He requested the council to delay in taking action until the attorney for the opposition could review the case. He stated it was inaccurate to state the sound would not carry. They support economic development but do not want the noise or pollution. Mr. Byrd presented a petition containing 66 names opposing the track.

Moved by Byrd to table the go cart tract project.  
MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Moved by King, seconded by Miller to accept the Community Development Committee report and to approve the recommendation of leasing the property to Mr. Oglesby for 5 years, with it to be deeded at the end of that period provided improvements have been made as provided and for the property to revert to the city should it cease operation as a go cart track with the city having 1st option to purchase the improvements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Poelma, King, Watkins, Moran, Fitzer, Tipton, Miller  
NAY: Byrd.  
Motion declared carried.

Councilman Byrd asked since the council did not accept the petition with 66 names, what is done now, concerning the petition.

City Attorney stated the council accepted the petition. No one disputed the 66 signatures.

Councilman Byrd then asked what the persons opposing the decision of the council should do.

City Attorney said they would need to get an injunction.

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WEST 18TH STREET:

Byian Williams asked the council what the city plans to do with Overlook Drive (West 18th Street). and the weeds on the vacant property in this area.

Mayor Allen stated the city had not accepted the street. The developer was to put a base on the road and make certain improvements before the city would accept it for maintenance. The improvements were not made.

Jerry Jenkins said the attorney general said when the city accepted the plat, they accepted the streets as plotted. There is also a problem with the mosquitos from the pond across the road. Residents of this area cannot go out of the house due to the rodents, snakes, mosquitos and etc.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Fitzer to refer to the Public Works Committee. Motion declared carried.

CONDEMNATION 219 JOPLIN:

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Moran to refer the condemnation of the structure at 219 Joplin to the City Attorney. Motion declared carried.

601 JOPLIN:

City Inspector read his letter to the council concerning the condition of the structure at 601 Joplin Street. He also showed a video of the condition of the structure taken on July 11 and 16. The structure does not meet the housing code, the plumbing code nor the electrical code. The ceiling had fallen in part of the house and the walls are leaning. He recommended the house be placed under condemnation.

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Poelma to approve the Resolution 90-18 setting September 7, 1990 as the hearing date for the condemnation of the structure at 601 Joplin. Motion declared carried.

The city inspector was requested to board up the windows which have been broken out and make the house secure.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Administrative Committee met July 16 concerning the employee health insurance. They considered 2 options.

1. The city will pay the employee group health insurance under Option 1 of the proposal presented by Blue Cross, Blue Shield. They also recommend the city reduce the labor force, Insure only full time employees, Have a reduction in employee work hours, terminate summer help, have a central purchasing department, allow no pay in lieu of vacation.
2. Look at a 6th company and policy to reduce costs and cuts.

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to accept the committee report and recommendations.

Mayor Allen stated the poll taken of the city

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employees indicated they want to increase revenue by the city and not take cash to purchase their own insurance.

Sue Whitehorse presented a plan under New York Life Insurance which would reduce costs. The deductible was higher and the co insurance is higher, but the premiums were cut significantly. She explained the policy in detail and answered questions, not only concerning this policy but the health insurance problem in general.

Cheryl Haines spoke on behalf of the employees. She noted the city had provided the health insurance for the employees and their families as a benefit and the employees feel this should be continued. They do not feel some employees should lose their jobs or have their hours cut so others could retain their insurance. She also noted the 2% raise which the employees did not receive to prevent a decrease in take home pay when the retirement plan goes into effect in January, 1991, amounts to approximately \$8800. These funds could be used for a portion of this increase in insurance costs. She also noted that water, and trash rates had not been increased in several years even though the cost of running the city has increased. The employees feel that an increase in the cost of these services should be implemented.

King questioned whether voting in favor of accepting the report would implement all of the actions contained in option 1. He would be in favor of insuring only full time employees, a central purchasing department and eliminating pay in lieu of vacation, but no the other actions recommended.

Mayor Allen stated a vote could be taken to accept the report and recommendations and then another motion to accept only a portion of the actions recommended.

Vote taken. Motion declared carried.  
NAY: King, Watkins

Moved by King, seconded by Watkins to implement the following:

Pay insurance on only full time employees.

Central purchasing

No pay in lieu of vacation.

Option 1 Plan of Blue Cross Clue Shield

Motion declared carried.

NAY: Poelma, Tipton, Miller

HOWARD RICHEY VACATION:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to allow a replacement to be paid during vacation of Howard Richey. Motion declared carried.

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CORNWALL MINING:

Mayor Allen explained that a map of the area the Cornwall Mining Company has leased to individuals for many years was included in the packets. The company is desiring to sell the parcels of land which were leased. Streets have been plotted in the area along with easements. The city has the option of accepting these streets as plotted.

Moved by Poelma, seconded by King to accept Cornwall Fifth Addition as plotted. Motion declared carried.

NAY: Watkins.

BID ON 1972 CHEVROLET TRUCK:

Mayor Allen opened 3 sealed bids on the 1972 Chevrolet truck. The bids are as follows:

Jerry Campbell	\$300.00
Dennis Andrews	300.00
Wally Lankford	230.00

Mayor Allen flipped a coin with Clyce Coleman calling for Dennis Andrews. Mr. Coleman called correctly.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Poelma to accept the bid of Dennis Andrews of \$300 for the 1972 Chevrolet truck. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: Watkins

JOPLIN STREET SOUTH OF EMPIRE:

Public Works Committee met concerning the  $\frac{1}{2}$  block on Joplin Street South of Empire. The committee recommends the city grade and place base rock on this section. Mr. Allen and city superintendent to work out a solution to the alley where it washes into his driveway.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Tipton to accept the Public Works Committee report and implement the recommendations concerning the  $\frac{1}{2}$  block of Joplin Street. Motion declared carried.  
Nay: King

1210 BAKER, SEWER:

Public Works Committee met with Norma Gandy concerning the installation of the sewer to her property. The committee recommends the city run the line from the manhole to her property line since a riser was not in place for this lot.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Watkins to accept this report and recommendation. Motion declared carried.

WALKING TRACK:

Clyde Coleman, representing the Chamber of Commerce asked for the city's assistance and cooperation in the completion of the walking track.

HIGH DIVE:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to postpone the purchase of stand and necessary equipment for the high dive. Motion declared carried.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 90-7:

Moved by King, seconded by Miller to approve Appropriations Ordinance 90-7 in the amount of \$38,800.13. Motion declared carried.

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PAYROLL ORDINANCE 90-16:


Moved by Poelma, seconded by Watkins to approve Payroll Ordinance 90-16 in the amount of \$9092.59 plus \$695.60 FICA. Motion declared carried.

PAYROLL ORDINANCE 90-16A:


Moved by Poelma, seconded by King to approve Payroll Ordinance 90-16A in the amount of \$10,162.15 plus \$777.40 FICA. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to adjourn the regular meeting of the Galena City Council. Moved declared carried.

  
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Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeanie Holstrom, City Clerk

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