

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday August 7, 2000, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor George Jackson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER; BRANDENBURG; WEBSTER; OGLESBY; JACKSON

MINUTES:

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting of June 19, 2000 **with the minutes to reflect Richard Eckler be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee as a non-voting member. Motion declared carried.**

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of June 22, 2000 Motion declared carried.

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of July 18, 2000. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting June 22, 2000. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting July 27, 2000. Motion declared carried.

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Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to place on file the minutes of the Galena Public Library meeting February 26, 2000. Motion declared carried.

2001 BUDGET:

Matt Mense with Mense, Churchwell, Mense CPA presented the budget to the commission. He explained as the budget was written that the ad valorem tax was in excess the amount allowed to be levied by the city based on the year 2000 budget in an excess of approximately \$18,000.00. He explained as the budget now stands if the city were to accept this budget it would require a city ordinance be passed to approve the excess spending. He stated the ordinance would take affect after being published once in the city newspaper and this would have to be done before the city budget was published.

City Manager Jack Murray explained the library had came before the commission and on vote of the library board had voted to increase their levy to 5 mill which could be done according to statue and the commission had accepted it.

Matt Mense stated the commission had several choices, they could stay with the budget as is, by ordinance they could change the library mill levy, or they could leave the library mill levy the same and reduce the General Fund mill levy to come under the maximum.

Mayor Jackson asked what the reason was for going up to the 5-mill levy for the library.

Nellie Hoskins representing the library stated they were operating two buildings on a budget that was to small to operate one building.

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Mayor Jackson asked if the library owned the Genealogy library or if it was city property. Ms. Hoskins stated the library purchased the property but it was in the city's name.

Mayor Jackson stated he could not see us operating two different businesses and charging the citizens extra money for it and benefits very few people.

Commissioner Brandenburg stated he was concerned with them going ahead and having a meeting and raising the levy and not saying anything about it ahead of time.

Commissioner Oglesby stated he would really have to hesitate chopping off any part of the library because he understands and appreciates the volunteer work that is involved and the dedication of the people that are there.

Commissioner LaTurner stated he felt they should support the library that it was a benefit to the city.

Motion made by Webster, seconded by Oglesby to approve and pass ordinance (00-8) to increase the mill levy. Motion declared carried.

Matt Mense suggested the ordinance be run by the city attorney.

2001 BUDGET APPROVAL:

Motion made by Oglesby, seconded by Webster to approve and pass the budget for publication.

City Manager, Jack Murray stated that himself and the city clerk would get together and set a date for the public hearing on the budget.

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Commissioner Oglesby advised we should take a look at the recommendations made by the auditor in his examine. Mayor Jackson directed the city manager to do so.

SOUTHERN OAKS DRIVE:

Darcy Harderman approached the commission asking for his street to be repaired back to its prior condition before water and sewer line construction was put in by the city. He also requested a street sign be put up. Lynn Harderman stated if the city does not have the manpower to do the job, they should not enter into an agreement to do so.

Commissioner Webster stated that Mr. Shoemaker had contacted him about removing the dirt and to grade and gravel the street. He stated before the week was over they should see improvement.

CONDEMNATION HEARINGS:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-24 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 906 Dewey. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-25 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 919 Elm. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-26 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 213 E. 9th Street. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-27 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 917 E. 5th. Motion declared carried.

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Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-28 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 919 Euclid. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by LaTurner to pass Resolution # 00-29 to proceed with condemnation procedures for property located at 901 Euclid. Motion declared carried

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to give a 30-day extension on property of Doris Adams located at 909 Wall. Motion declared carried.

11th & JOPLIN St:

City Manager Jack Murray stated they will have to get a consent to remove from owner, then the city will take it down and put it on the property owners taxes. He advised the monofil was the priority at this time.

ORVILLE SMITH PROPERTY
VACATION on 20th St.:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to table until next meeting for the city attorney to have time to review. Motion declared carried.

TRAFFIC CODE:

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Oglesby to approve and pass Ordinance# 00-5 regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Galena. Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE:

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Oglesby to approve and pass Ordinance# 00-6 regulating Public Offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Galena.

EMPLOYEES SALARIES:

Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and pass **Ordinance# 00-7** an ordinance dealing with Employee Compensation. Motion declared carried.

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Motion made by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to approve and pass **Resolution# 00-30** an ordinance dealing with Employee Compensation. Motion declared carried.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Oglesby stated the main text of the the water committee meeting was dealing with the situation created out on state line with Empire District. He advised that Empire District had acknowledged working with us on this problem and part of that would be working with us for a well on the leading edge of the water if our wells fail we have a well capable of producing water to supply the city. He also stated he appreciated the effort Empire District has put into this.

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Webster to proceed with applying for the necessary state permits. Motion declared carried.

DUI ORDINANCE:

City Attorney Doug Steele advised he had a rough draft of an ordinance that he would have the city clerk provide a copy to the commission establishing an assessment concerning driving under the influence, prosecution for use in purchasing law enforcement equipment and would bring forth at the next meeting for discussion.

HILLCREST CEMETERY:

Mayor Jackson questioned since we were having a hard time keeping up maintenance if we could turn Hillcrest Cemetery over to the county since it was outside the city limits.

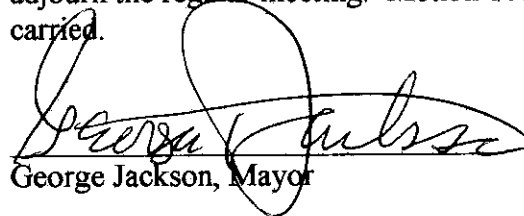
SEWER LAGOON:

Commissioner Oglesby asked what the status was with the lagoon project. City Attorney advised he had some paper work that he needed to get an explanation of what they needed from Dale Yeager with Rural Development

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ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion declared carried.



George Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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