

NOTES ON INFORMAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 1972 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL.

MAYOR MURRAY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

COUNCILMEN PRESENT: BAILEY BROWN KAEHLER WILLIAMS WASHOM
HANSBRAUGH

COUNCILMEN ABSENT: CANTRELL COBLE BANKSON ANDERSON

THE INFORMAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF INSPECTING RENTAL PROPERTY, BUSINESS, HOUSES, ETC., TO HELP PREVENT FIRE HAZARDS. THERE HAD BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND CONFUSION SINCE THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AND PASSED THE RESOLUTION THAT THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF WERE TO INSPECT ALL RENTAL PROPERTY BEFORE OCCUPANCY. TERRY WARD WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND HE STATED THAT 99% OF THE HOMES AND HOUSES IN GALENA COULD NOT PASS THE REQUIRED STANDARDS OF THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODES OR THE ELECTRICAL CODES. HE FELT HE WAS TAKEN A QUITE A BIT OF RESPONSIBILITY BY OKAYING OR REFUSING TO PASS THE HOUSES ON SUCH STANDARDS. HE ALSO FELT IT WOULD BE A FULL TIME JOB FOR SOMEONE AND THAT HE COULD ONLY DO IT IN HIS SPARE TIME AND THAT WOULD BE AFTER 5 P.M.. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO IT ON A PART TIME BASIS.

IT WAS DISCUSSED AS TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE INSPECTOR FACED AND THE MAYOR ASSURED THE BUILDING INSPECTOR THAT ALL PROBLEMS OR ANY TYPE WOULD BE FOR THE CITY. COMPENSATION FOR THE INSPECTOR WAS DISCUSSED AND A FEE CHARGED FOR THE INSPECTION WAS DECIDED UPON AND THAT THE FEE WOULD GO TO THE INSPECTOR AS COMPENSATION FOR HIS TIME.

A LETTER FROM HARDWICK INS. AGENCY WAS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING. IT STATED..... THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THE INSPECTION OF RENTAL PROPERTY, AT THE OWNERS REQUEST, TO PREVENT FIRE HAZARDS.

THE CITY ATTORNEY WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND HE EXPLAINED THE MEANING OF THE ORDINANCES NOW IN EFFECT AND ALSO THE SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE AND HE FELT THAT THE CITY SHOULD DRAW UP A NEW ORDINANCE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INSPECTION TO MEET STANDARDS SET BY THE CITY FOR SAFETY AND FIRE HAZARDS PROTECTION. IT WAS AGREED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY SHOULD DRAW UP A NEW ORDINANCE AND PRESENT IT AT THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 1. CHECK FOR FIRE HAZARDS, 2. THAT THE INSPECTOR COULD ENTER THE HOUSES FOR INSPECTION TO BE SURE THE HOUSES WERE SAFE FOR OCCUPANCY. 3. THAT A PENALTY SHOULD BE IMPOSED, IF AFTER NOTIFYING THE OWNERS THEY REFUSE TO IMPROVE THE HOUSES, and that THE PENALTY WILL BE TO REFUSE TO ALLOW UTILITY SERVICE.

AFTER THE NEW ORDINANCE IS DRAWN UP AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND IF THEY DECIDE ON IT, IT WILL GO INTO EFFECT AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPAR.

THE MEETING WAS DISMISSED.

Jack N. Murray