

MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 1989

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order, Tuesday, August 15, 1989 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: Poelma, Hayes, Little, King, Qualls, Byrd, Moran, Fitzer, Tipton, Miller

Minutes:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 1, 1989. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: Qualls

SR. CITIZENS BOARD:

Moved by Poelma, seconded by King to approve and place on file the minutes of the Sr. Citizens Board of August 3, 1989. Motion declared carried.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Fitzer to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion declared carried.

ROGERS MOBILE HOME:

Moved by Little, seconded by Qualls to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the application for the placement of a mobile home at 17th & Water by Jim and Julie Rogers. Motion declared carried.

STUDENT COUNCIL PAW PRINTS:

John Davis, representing the Galena Student Council, requested permission to paint paw prints on the streets from 7th & Main South to Eleventh, then East to the Stadium and from the High School West on 8th to Main Street. This request is to promote enthusiasm for the football team.

Moved by Little, seconded by Miller to allow the Student Council to paint paw prints on the above streets. Motion declared carried.

1990 BUDGET HEARING:

Mayor Allen opened the budget hearing at 7:06 P.M. Copies of the budget were made available to the public. Mayor Allen explained the evaluation and levy and asked for any questions. There being no public comment or questions, Mayor Allen closed the budget hearing.

Moved by Byrd, seconded by King to adopt the 1990 Budget as published. Motion declared carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Clyde Coleman representing the Galena Chamber of Commerce spoke on the efforts of the Chamber to improve the city through a cleanup effort. They requested assistance from the council by enforcing the ordinances concerning the properties in the City. The chamber feels not enough effort is being put forth by property owners or residents in keeping the property clean and in proper condition.

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They asked that the council work with them in improving our city.

Mayor Allen thanked the Chamber for their interest and the work they have done in improving the appearance of the city. He also explained the condemnation procedure.

Qualls suggested the Housing Committee meet with the Chamber and set some priorities.

Miller suggested that early next spring, weed killer be used on the sidewalks on Main Street to prevent the weed problem.

814 GALENA AVE:

The city clerk reported that Mr. Jones had cleaned the yard, the interior of the house and the garage. The garage is to be torn down on August 19. Additional work is being done.

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Poelma to allow Mr. Jones until the September 19th meeting to bring the property to code. Motion declared carried.

501 MAIN:

Art Jones of Souls Harbor Mission reported they have been unable to remove the concrete placed on the East side of the building. They have tried jack hammers and various other means to remove this. He asked the council assistance in this project. He also stated they are planning to plaster the south wall, and place steel brackets around the corners. Windows will also be enclosed.

A discussion was held on the condition of this building and whether it could be repaired to bring to a safe condition. Mr. Jones stated he does not have liability insurance on the building.

Moved by Qualls, seconded by Poelma to allow up to \$750 to hire an engineer to look at the structural condition of the building to see if it is salvagable. Motion declared carried.

NAYS: Hayes

ABSTAIN: King, Little

Moved by King, seconded by Fitzer to request Mr. Jones be present at the September 5 Council meeting to report on the progress on the building. Motion declared carried.

509 GALENA AVE:

John Ferguson, previous owner of the property stated he had sold this property to Charles Atkins and he would be speaking concerning this property.

Mr. Atkins stated he had painted the top portion of the building, rewired the property, replumbed and put on the sewer. He also intends to put siding on the lower portion of the building.

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Upon being asked his plans concerning the old store front on the building, he stated the Building Inspector had instructed him not to remove this as there was alternate way to get from the upstairs in case of fire. He is not planning to remove this at this time.

Mayor Allen stated the building inspector would inspect the house again and requested he report back at the September 5 meeting.

CONDEMNATION HEARING
1221 WALL:

Jim Hilton, owner of this property stated he had received the list of repairs necessary to bring this house to conde. He has completed part of the list and should have it all completed by the 1st of September.

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Miller to have the building inspector check the house and Mr. Hilton to report back at the September 5 meeting, with all items completed. Motion declared carried.

AMBULANCE SERVICE BUILDING:

Mayor Allen requested this be moved up on the agenda since representatives of the ambulance service were present.

KING LEFT 8:05 P.M.

Dave Hensley, representing the ambulance association stated they were concerned about the welfare of the personnel and equipment housed in the building at 507 Main. This is due to the condition and work being done on the building at 501 Main.

Mayor Allen asked if the letter the city had received setting November 1 as a deadline for having a new location for the service set in motion the 60 day cancellation of the contract between the ambulance service and the city. Mr. Hensley stated this was not the intent of the letter. It did not state they would move it from Galena, only to a different location. He wanted to work with the city in finding a suitable location and did not feel it could wait until the city could apply for a CDBG for 1990. He stated the ambulance association has committed \$10,000 toward the building. A discussion was held on applying through the ambulance association for a low interest loan for the building and to locate the service on the city's property north of City Hall.

Mr. Hensley stated the service could get by with a 3 bay building at this time with additional rooms being added in the future. The city will check for soundness of the ground.

Moved by Little, seconded by Qualls to get bids on the construction of a structure that would house 3 ambulance bays. Motion declared carried.

VACATION:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to allow Phil Burkeybile vacation from August 24 through August 29. Motion declared carried.

KING RETURNED 8:31 P.M.:

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WHISTLE 9TH & CHICAGO:

Superintendent Sills requested a whistle be installed at 9th & Chicago. The present is too small and water stands when there is heavy rain.

Moved by Qualls, seconded by Miller to allow the installation of a larger whistle at 9th and Chicago. Motion declared carried.

KPL GAS MAIN:

Superintendent Sills stated he had met with representatives of the Gas Service Company. They are requesting to put in an 8 inch gas main starting on West 7th Street, going down Schermerhorn Road, East on Eleventh, North to 8th, then East to Doanes. The line would reduce to a 6 inch at approximately 11th & Elm. They plan to have this completed by October 1.

Moved by Qualls, seconded by Miller to allow KPL to install the gas main as requested. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: King

POLICE CAR TIRES:

Moved by Miller, seconded by Qualls to allow the purchase of 4 Star tires and 3 Goodyear tires for the police cars at a total cost of \$395. Motion declared carried.

VACATION:

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Hayes to allow Alan Wade 1 week's pay in lieu of vacation and 1 week's vacation from September 5 through September 9. Motion declared carried.

JAIL INSPECTION:

Chief Collins reported the only recommendation made from the recent jail inspection was the logging of the checks of the smoke alarms. No other problems were noted.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

A discussion was held on what constitutes the need by a person to obtain a business license. No action was taken.

WORK SESSION:

Poelma requested the special meeting scheduled for a work session on August 22 be changed to the special meeting of August 29. This was approved.

ORDINANCE 89-6
RUMMAGE SALE SIGNS:

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Hayes to adopt Ordinance 89-6 pertaining to rummage sale signs in the city. Motion declared carried.

SCHERMERHORN HOUSE,
803 EAST 5th
NATIONAL REGISTER:

Mayor Allen read the letter from the Kansas State Historical Society stating that the Schermerhorn House, at 803 E. 5th, is being recommended for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The letter states this property cannot be rezoned without notifying the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to the rezoning.

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Moved by Little, seconded by Qualls that the Council Minutes reflect that the Schermerhorn House, at 803 E. 5th not be rezoned at any time without prior notification to the State Historic Preservation Officer. Motion declared carried.

CROSS CONTROL CONNECTION:

Mayor Allen requested this be referred to the water committee.

EMPIRE WELL:

Mayor Allen reported the iron content is not too high under secondary standards at the Empire Well. Therefore, putting this well back into service can be continued.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS:

Moved by Little, seconded by King to accept the bid of \$1495 by American Waste Management for the removal of 2 underground storage tanks at 11th & Wood. Motion declared carried.

GAS PURCHASES:

It was recommended that gas be purchased on a 30 day charge from the city stations. Purchasing from one station 2 months at a time was suggested.

11TH & KELLER, NEWMAN PROPERTY:

City Attorney stated that city had no decision to make concerning the fencing of the area on the Newman property. They had been paying taxes on this property for a number of years and therefore they own it. He could find nothing stating the city had made it a street.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS:

The school crossing guards will continue from last year. It is not necessary to appoint them each year.

LANKFORD PROPERTY, WEST 1ST:

Mayor Allen stated the attorney for Mr. Lankford had requested more information and had told the city inspector and clerk that Mr. Lankford is working on the list of repairs necessary to bring this property to code. It is to be placed on the September 5 agenda.

3RD & MAIN:

Information has been received by the registered owner of the the property at 3rd & Main, that it is up for tax sale the 1st part of September. The city should attempt to get their lien filed for the removal of the building prior to this sale.

WATER REPORT:

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Byrd to accept the water report for June. Motion declared carried. The water committee also reported the city is working on the lines on South Main.

COURT REPORT:

Moved by King, seconded by Miller to accept the court report with fines totaling \$693 for July. Motion declared carried.

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WEST EMPIRE STREET:

It was requested that a second layer of gravel be placed on West Empire Street which was oiled recently.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENDED:

Byrd asked that Superintendent Sills be commended for his effort in preserving the granite post from the building being demolished at 3rd & Main.

SEWER SMOKING:

Superintendent Sills stated they had smoked 4 blocks and found 5 residences with smoke coming from the foundation and 2 residences with blocked vents. He asked what was necessary to go on the property to check these.

City Attorney stated that permission is necessary. If permission is not granted, a search warrant would need to be secured.

HEALTH & HOUSING:

Moran stated he had been approached by Mr. Lankford concerning his property on West 1st and Mr. Lankford was unhappy with the treatment he had received by the council. No action was taken.

1101 SHORT:

Chief Collins reported this house is empty and the people have moved outside the city. Some of the dogs are still located in Spring Grove.

DOORS FOR POOL & PARK:

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to purchase 1 steel door for the Chlorinator Room at the swimming pool, and 1 solid core door for the North rest room at Schermerhorn Park at a total cost of \$188. Motion declared carried.
NAY: Miller

CITY VEHICLE:

It was asked if the Chevrolet vehicle was for city employees to use on city business. It is for this use.

22ND & JOPLIN:

Complaints have been received concerning the poison ivy in the ditch on East 22nd Street. No action was taken.

SHERE PROPERTY:

Dale Shere had complained he was building onto his trailer and the city inspector had ordered the work be stopped, but Mr. Shere could not get the inspector to come back to see if he had made the necessary corrections to begin work.

Mayor Allen explained that no footing or foundation were installed under the structure. The inspector is on vacation until August 21, but will check it when he returns.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 89-8:

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Miller to approve Appropriations Ordinance 89-8 in the amount of \$35,767.70. Motion declared carried.

PAYROLL ORDINANCE 89-18:

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Poelma to approve Payroll Ordinance 89-18 in the amount of \$8625.29 plus \$647.79 FICA. Motion declared carried.

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PAYROLL ORDINANCE 89-18A;

Moved by Hayes, seconded by Fitzer to approve Payroll Ordinance 89-18A in the amount of \$8911.14 plus \$669.25 FICA. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by King, seconded by Little to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Galena City Council. Motion declared carried.

Thomas Y. Allen
Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie Holstrom
Jeanie Holstrom, City Clerk

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