

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 1980

The Galena City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, August 19, 1980, at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

Members present on roll call were: Watkins, Hayes, Mann, Kelley, Faulkner, T. Wade, Smith and Means, constituting a quorum.

Absent was: R. Wade.

Mayor L.G. Williams presided.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of August 5, 1980, and the Zoning and Planning Commission Meeting of August 11, 1980, were approved and placed on file with motion by T. Wade, second by Faulkner. Carried with 8 Yeas.

Under "Old Business", the Mayor asked about the matter before the Zoning and Planning Commission of restricting places of business where alcoholic beverages could be sold.

Ray Randall stated the Commission was seeking a ruling on the legality of licensing and where they can be placed, and also, they are seeking a legal opinion dealing with the display of pornographic material.

T. Wade asked if Attorney Fayette Rowe had ruled on the Zodiac Contract. Mr. Rowe stated he had not.

Means asked about an appointment to fill the vacant council seat of Mike Hall.

Dorsey Olds, a Checo area resident, inquired about the outcome of a meeting with the Fire Department driver after the last meeting.

Means answered by stating that Fire Chief John Allen had been on the phone and heard the conversation between Mr. Olds and the truck driver and as to not answering a call in that area, the truck had just come in and hadn't had time to log the call from the previous run to that location. Allen was to go out and check on the fire but his truck broke down and by the time he got it started another lady from Checo had called and the Fire Department answered that call.

Mr. Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Norvell were asked to return to the Council Meeting on September 2nd to meet with John Allen, Bill Hall and Bill Hamlin, with the Clerk asked to notify these three men.

Means inquired again about filling the vacant council seat. Two applications were left with the City Clerk. Mayor Williams read the two names; Neal Little and Bud Piercefield.

Faulkner stated she would like to wait because she knew someone who was possibly interested.

Mayor Williams asked for a show of hands of those interested in filling the vacancy at this time. Five Councilmen favored filling the vacant seat; three did not.

T. Wade moved for an executive session at this time. Kelley seconded. Carried.

Upon reconvening, the Mayor stated he had applications from Neal Little and Bud Piercefield.

T. Wade moved that Neal Little be appointed to fill the vacancy.

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Means moved for the appointment of Bud Piercefield. Kelley seconded the motion. Carried with 6 Yeas and 2 Nays (Smith and T. Wade).

Jerry Derfelt appeared in regard to welfare funerals. He stated the maximum amount allowed by the State was \$650. The City of Galena had allowed free space for years and it was appreciated. Mr. Derfelt requested a reduced rate for opening graves, saying he had in mind approximately \$45.

Howard Jarvis, Public Works Superintendent, made the statement that Baxter Springs gets \$75 for grave digging and he couldn't afford to charge as little as \$45.

Mr. Derfelt was asked how many such burials they had per year and he estimated 15 to 18. Lengthy discussion followed with Derfelt being asked if he could refuse welfare burials. He can not.

Watkins moved the Parks and Cemetery Committee meet and bring back some recommendations to the next council meeting. T. Wade seconded the motion. Carried with 5 Yeas and 3 Nays.

Watkins spoke on City liability insurance. The City carries \$1,000,000 coverage and the State requires only \$500,000. He felt the City should cut back. Mayor Williams asked Watkins to check into the matter and present it at the next meeting.

Watkins also asked if some other company could come before the Council and present their plans for health insurance coverage for City employees.

Watkins and Smith agreed to meet with some representatives of other companies before the next meeting.

A parking problem on 5th Street was postponed to a later meeting in order for Councilman Robert Wade to be here.

Vacation for Scott Shaw from September 1 - 8 was approved on motion by Means, second by Hayes. Carried with 8 Yeas.

Means had a letter on new CETA contracts. The City needs to notify the Job Service Office if we want to extend this program. An answer is needed prior to August 25th. The Council approved the extension on motion by Watkins, second by Kelley. Carried with 8 Yeas.

Ray Randall, Community Development Director, asked permission to attend a Phase I Sewer study in Erie on August 28, also, a small cities seminar on August 26 and 27 at Kansas City. With use of a City car, his expenses would be \$75.

Smith moved Randall be allowed to go to Erie and Kansas City, and also the use of a City car, plus \$75 for expenses. Faulkner seconded. Carried with 7 Yeas and 1 Abstention by Means.

Howard Jarvis asked to purchase a seal for the main lift station. The purchase was approved on motion by Watkins, second by T. Wade. Carried.

Jarvis asked to be allowed to purchase two used motors for dump trucks which would carry him approximately 2 more years. The cost would be \$350 each for a complete engine, with a 31 day guarantee. One motor is available now.

Watkins moved we buy one motor now while we can get it. T. Wade seconded. There were 7 Yeas and 1 Abstention by Means.

Attorney Rowe offered an ordinance allowing the City to work prisoners to pay out their fines. The Mayor would determine where the prisoners would work and also what department.

Kelley asked Mr. Rowe if it was legal to work prisoners. Rowe stated it was.

Ray Randall stated he had called the home office of the City's

Workmen's Compensation carrier and was told it was O.K. to work prisoners because they would be covered, but a representative of the Company was in the City today and said it could "open a can of worms" because it could lead to claims or lawsuits against the City.

This same representative also suggested the City should start having physicals for all new City employees.

T. Wade said he favored giving prisoners a chance to work but not to order them to do so.

No action was taken on the ordinance.

Mayor Williams presented an ordinance prohibiting possession of intoxicating liquor in public places.

T. Wade asked that the ordinance go back to Fayette Rowe for correction.

An appointment was due to be made to fill a vacancy in the Police Department. The Mayor asked to go into executive session at this time.

Kelley made the motion and Faulkner seconded. There were 5 Yeas and 3 Nays. Motion carried.

Upon reconvening, Mayor Williams named Earl James Turley as patrolman with the Police Department. T. Wade moved he be approved. Kelley seconded. Carried with 7 Yeas and 1 Abstention by Smith.

Mayor Williams spoke about problems the City has with water lines and suggested the financial situation be appraised each month and if possible, the City could purchase 1,000 to 2,000 feet per month and lay it next spring.

Jarvis said he would like to have a punching machine which is a device used for opening water service lines without breaking the black-top. He was asked to see if he could find one and come back to the next meeting. Jarvis stated that 40% to 50% of the problems with water lines are in service lines and there would be a need to buy some of them along with some main lines. Discussion followed.

T. Wade suggested Jarvis get prices on a punching machine and also materials needed until the Council finds out where it stands financially.

Mayor Williams presented to the Council an idea for a roadside park near the creek (Owl Branch) off 7th Street. Approximately 200 feet frontage is available and approximately 200 feet deep.

Wade asked for a study of the cost and have the matter brought back to the Council. Means stated we might have to get permission from the State for an access road.

Mayor Williams asked Ray Randall to get some information on this and bring it back to the Council.

A letter was read by the Mayor from Noe Insurance Agency in regard to renewal of Police Liability Insurance. The renewal premium was \$2,970.00. Watkins moved the policy be renewed. T. Wade seconded. Carried with 7 Yeas and 1 Abstention by Smith.

On a question by the City Clerk in regard to part-time employees, they are allowed longevity pay but not vacations or health insurance.

Means moved Appropriations Ordinance No. 80-19 be amended to include Check No. 5847 to Noe Insurance Agency in the amount of \$2,970.00.

Watkins then moved the Ordinance be accepted as amended. T. Wade seconded the motion. Carried with 8 Yeas.

Smith moved Community Development Appropriations and Payroll Ordinance 80-19 be approved. Watkins seconded the motion. Carried with 7

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Yeas and 1 Abstention by Means.

Wade moved for adjournment. Smith seconded. Carried by standing.

L. G. Williams, Mayor

Norma J. Lutz, City Clerk