

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 1980

The governing body of the City of Galena, Kansas met in regular session, Tuesday, September 16, 1980, at 7:00 P. M., with Mayor L. G. Williams presiding.

Roll call showed 8 members present and 2 absent. Those present were Piercefield, T. Wade, Means, Kelley, Hayes, Smith, Watkins, and Mann. Absent was Robert Wade and Verda Faulkner.

Verda Faulkner entered at approximately 7:10 and took her seat.

The minutes of the September 2, Council meeting and the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission were approved and placed on file on motion by Piercefield, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

Under Old Business, Tom Wade reported that as a result of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, they felt like the City should be responsible for the electric meter at the Girls Softball Field. Mr. Wade stated he would find the rate to be charged for the use of the lights and report back to the Council.

Mr. Charles Shryock representing Metropolitan Insurance presented plans on the City Employees insurance. The no deductible to employee, Major Medical Plan, which would cost the City \$2928.51 approximately \$174.50 more than the present plan per month would pay the first \$10,000 in full for Room & Board, Intensive Care, Extended Care facilities and Special Hospital services, plus the first \$500 of Surgery expense. After the \$10,000, this plan would pay 80% with no limit to the benefits. Another plan discussed was the \$100 deductible which pays 80% to \$2500 then coverage would be 100%.

Mrs. Judy Spaulding representing Blue Cross-Blue Shield, presented her plan. This plan was \$100 deductible or \$200 per year per family. Blue Cross Blue Shield would pay 80% of total expenses until the insured or family would pay \$200 maximum for the family, then the Insurance Company would pay 100% of the balance. The cost of this plan for the City would be \$2658.31 per month.

Kelley made the motion to table the issue of insurance at this time. Watkins seconded. Motion carried.

Fayette Rowe, city attorney commented on his position with the city as disheartening. He further made statements on the charges against Judge Brown of improper conduct. Mr Rowe stated he filed an answer to the charges 2 months ago asking who the accusers were and received no answer. Mr. Rowe further stated he felt the insurance companies should defend the judge in this case.

Ira Kelley spoke on the Swimming Pool. The Council agreed in August to keep the pool open till late in September but this has proven to be unprofitable and the pool was closed Sunday, Sept. 14.

Delores Smith spoke on problems of adjusting water bills. There seems to be no set policy for adjusting bills and the Council should establish such a policy. Piercefield stated that in the past, bills to be adjusted were brought before the governing body. Mrs. Smith said we should establish a policy to the effect that a high water bill with a justifiable leak be brought before the Council to be adjusted, with Howard and Rex to confirm it being a justifiable leak. Tom Wade made a motion to this effect. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Piercefield then brought before the Council the adjustment of a bill for James Myers on South Main. Smith made the motion to adjust the water bill to half. Piercefield seconded, Motion Carried.

Jerry Watkins mentioned the need of part time help in the City Clerks Office, since Idella Vanderpool could not work in there the first 15 days of the month as the council had specified. He presented the possibility of the new part time dispatcher working in that office. He stated she had been a legal secretary. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Williams presented to the Council a statement dated September 15, 1980 from a Joplin Physician saying he recommended 2 weeks sick leave for Norma Lutz, City Clerk. Piercefield made the motion to grant Mrs. Lutz the 2 weeks sick leave with pay. Watkins seconded.

Discussion on the City's policy of sick leave followed. At 8:15, Mr. Means moved to go into executive session not to exceed 30 minutes to discuss the City Clerk's Office, with the press excluded with the exception of Pete Combs. Piercefield seconded the motion and the motion carried with 1 nay vote-Faulkner.

The meeting reconvened at 8:38. The motion for 2 weeks sick leave with pay for Mrs. Lutz was voted on. Motion carried. 7-2 Smith & Mann voted Nay.

Ray Randall presented Ordinance #1035 to vacate 3 alleys in the Ewing First Addition for the First Baptist Church parking Lot. Jerry Watkins made the motion to approve this ordinance. Smith seconded. Motion Carried.

Mr. Randall then presented a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Department of Transportation for State Connecting Links. This contract is for the city to maintain K-26 and Highway 66 and the State will pay the City \$1250.00 per quarter for the City's expense in maintaining these highways. DeLores Smith moved to approve this resolution. Faulkner seconded. Motion carried 7-2. Piercefield & Means voted Nay.

Mr Randall then presented a resolution for the City to adopt a Citizens Participation Plan setting forth the procedures where the citizens may take an active role in the advising, implementing, and assessing of the Community Development Block Grant Program. He stated this resolution is needed for the Small Grants Program.

Another resolution presented by Randall allows the city to appoint a citizen advisory council to aid in the C D Block Grant Program application. Motion was made by Faulkner seconded by Kelley to approve these resolutions. Motion Carried. Vote 6-2-1. T. Wade & Watkins voted nay. Means abstained.

Mr. Randall presented the bids from the Community Development Office. He recommended Jim Taylor of Joplin for the Rehab of 17th & Water at a bid of \$7028.00; Four State Remodelers for the Rehab of 808 Main at \$7025.00; and Four State Remodelers for the demolition and Rehabilitation of 1016 Galena at a total of \$8,635.00.

Faulkner moved the council accept Randall's recommendations. Smith seconded. Motion Carried with Means abstaining.

Randall informed the council that Zodiac Industries had retained a legal firm Jones & Dearth about the contract that was found to be invalid at the September 2 Council meeting. A letter from their attorneys was answered by Mr. Rowe.

Howard Jarvis asked for permission to buy a load of road oil. Hayes made the motion this be allowed. Faulkner seconded. Motion carried.

Jarvis asked for permission to buy parts for the bush hog and to get the International tractor repaired, to be paid out of Noxious Weeds fund. Tom Wade made a motion to allow this, Piercefield seconded and the motion carried.

Jarvis then reported to the Council that the City had installed the water lines to Overlook Addition.

Piercefield stated that he is in favor of developers developing their land but he felt like the developer should pay for such development instead of the City paying for it, since the Developer would be making the money from it.

Don Means brought up the subject of draining the Swimming Pools around the city. Discussion followed on whether they should be allowed to drain pools into the sewer, if certain hours should be set for such draining so the sewers would not be overloaded, or if we should have an ordinance to regulate the draining of pools. Further discussion revealed that the customer has paid for sewer use when he paid for the water thus he should be able to drain his pool at any time and with no extra charge, and the sewer system could handle the extra load. No action was taken.

Means brought up the need of a whistle on Main Street at Short Creek. Piercefield made the motion to install the whistle. Means seconded. Motion Carried.

Means mentioned the fact that the purchase Orders approved at the previous council meeting for payment were not signed by members of the Finance Committee for 1½ weeks, and the checks could not be issued until the purchase orders were signed. No action was taken.

A letter was produced before the council written to H.U.D. Attention Mr. Thomas Kilbright, on work in the C.D. Office. The letter was read to the council asking if it was legal to transfer museum funds into administration and about the legality of the H.U.D. Office paying rent on the city's bulldozer. Piercefield made the motion to send this letter registered. Wade seconded. Motion Carried with 1 nay vote-Kelley.

Means said he had heard allegations that bids had been changed in the C.D. office. Means suggested the bids be brought before the council meeting and opened there. Ms. Faulkner stated that the council had voted to open the bids in the C.D. Committee meeting to save time on the council floor. No action was taken.

Discussion followed in regard to hiring of CETA employees. All personnel should be brought before the council for approval. CETA employees are considered temporary employees and therefore it was not essential that they be approved by the council before they are hired. Another point was there is a time factor in the CETA contract which only allows a few days to replace some CETA employees who have quit. No action was taken.

Mayor Williams read the resignation of Robert Wade, Councilman from the 2nd ward, stating he had moved from his ward and no longer be able to represent his ward. Tom Wade made a motion that the Council accept this resignation. Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.

T. Wade moved to approve Payroll and appropriation ordinances 80-21. Faulkner seconded. Motion carried with 1 abstention-Smith.

Faulkner made the motion to approve Community Development Appropriations and Payroll. Smith seconded, motion carried with 2 abstentions Watkins & Means.

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Hayes made the motion to
carried by standing.

L. G. Williams
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Sign

Mayor of the City of Zales

Attest

Cheryl Haines, Asst. City Clerk

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