

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1979

The governing body of the City of Galena, met in regular session Tuesday, September 18, 1979, 7:00 PM, with Mayor L. G. Williams in charge.

Council Members present: Smith, Faulkner, Cure, Kelley, Hall, and Hayes

Council Members absent: Piercefield, Bailey, Davies and Hopkins

Before approving the minutes of the September 4th meeting, it was noted that Smith's motion to employ Chester Morton, should have read Maintenance Man, rather than janitor.

Smith made a motion to accept the amended minutes, excepting that portion relating to a petition placed before the council by Lloyd Parks, pertaining to the Overlook Addition. Faulkner seconded the motion, motion carried

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the September 17th meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Faulkner moved to accept the minutes. Hayes seconded, motion carried

Smith of the Water Committee, informed the Council that no decision had been made concerning water deposits on rental property, pending completion of their investigation

Cure of the Parks Committee, informed the council that four light poles were being repaired and relocated in the North part of Schermerhorn by Empire District at no cost to the city.

Wilbur Moody, Overlook Addition Developer, informed the Council that he did not object to excluding from his plans that portion pertaining to mobile homes. Further discussion centered on the laying of water and sewer lines, the establishment of a road through the addition, and the placement of whistles. The city agreed that if Mr. Moody bought the whistles, the city would install them.

Mayor Williams suggested that Mr. Moody meet with the water and sewer committee, and the zoning commission to work out an agreeable solution.

Ms. Faulkner, council member informed the council of a rat problem at 722 Mineral. Neighbors are complaining that food placed for domestic animals has drawn a large number of rats and they are now invading surrounding dwellings. The Health Department has been contacted concerning the matter. Mayor Williams suggested that neighbors prepare and sign a nuisance complaint petition and present it to the city for proper action.

Paul Cure addressed the council and relayed a request by the Seventh Day Adventist Church for the closing of an alley back of the church. It was stated that a survey revealed the church owns the alley, and has control of same

Cure stated the church has long range plans for building a new church and would need the ground. The church also desired a long term lease on right of way, along Frisco Tracks, with the church maintaining the grounds

Attorney Rowe presented three new ordinance to the Council No. 1004, pertaining to Malicious Mischief, No. 1005 Pertaining to Larceny, No. 1006, pertaining to Disorderly Conduct He also recommended the adoption of a new State Standard Traffic Code as Ordinance No. 1007.

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Cure, Ordinance No 1004 on Malicious Mischief was adopted

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Faulkner, Ordinance No. 1005, pertaining to Larceny was adopted. Faulkner made a motion, that Ordinance No. 1006 relating to Disorderly Conduct be adopted. Smith seconded and motion carried

Smith made a motion to adopt the New Standard Traffic Code, Ordinance No. 1007. Cure seconded and the New Traffic Code was adopted

Mr. Rowe reported on the assistance he had received from Charles Menghini of Pittsburg in defending the city in the Duncan & Duncan versus the City of Galena Case. Mr. Rowe stated the City had governmental immunity and Mr. Menghini had prepared a brief and he expected the case to be settled soon. He presented Mr. Menghini's bill in the amount of \$280.00 for defending the City. Kelley moved the \$280.00 bill of Mr. Menghini be accepted. Faulkner seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams presented a statement from Lane Western, in the amount of \$30,405.60 on installation of the new number 4 pump. Cure made a motion to pay Layne Western the \$30,405.60 from the water funds, Faulkner seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Williams read a letter from the Fire Department requesting Bill Hamlin be appointed fire truck driver Hall made a motion to accept Mr. Hamlin's application, Cure seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mayor Williams presented a statement from Galena Motor Co., in the amount of \$354.56, for repairs on a Police car. Chief Brown suggested a letter should be written to Quality Control, Ford Motor Company, protesting a fee of \$35.00 charged as critical emergency fee while taking two months to deliver the needed parts.

Smith made a motion to pay Galena Motors Company and that the City Attorney Rowe write a letter to Ford Motor Company, asking dismissal of the critical emergency charge. Kelley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Smith made a motion to take a one page ad in the Riverton Yearbook at a fee of \$15.00. Hall seconded and the motion carried.

Mayor Williams commended the Police Department, Judge, and City Attorney for the fine work they are doing. He stated fines collected during May, June, July, and August, 1979, amounted to \$8,635., as compared to \$3,246. for the same period in 1978. In comparison with other area towns, Galena has fewer cars and officers, but more traffic. A survey showed an estimate of 12,000 cars a day pass through the intersection of 7th and main, and 8,000 cars a day cross the Missouri, Kansas State Line. These facts show the necessity of securing another police car.

Williams requested council members study the budget with view of securing a new police car.

Chief Brown stated that if the Council could approve purchase of a good used car, the equipment is already available to equip it for service. Brown stated that with another car, reserve officers could be better utilized. He also asked the council to consider employing another patrolman, possibly with transferal of funds from Merchant Police to Police Department.

Brown also stated that resignations had been received from Ron Powers as patrolman and Rev. Thomas as crossing guard, both because of health problems. Brown informed the council that Powers indicated he would like to continue serving the City as a reserve officer.

Smith made a motion these issues be tabled until the Police Committee can review same.

Chief Brown made known to the council that approximately \$200.00 had been taken (borrowed) from the B.A.D. fund to aid in transporting two drug addicts to three different hospitals where they had been refused admittance; and for the updating of camera equipment.

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Brown asked the council for re-imbusement of same from Police Funds

Smith moved that \$200.00 be refunded to the B.A.D. Fund. Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried, with one abstaining (Hall)

Mayor Williams read a resignation letter from Ron Powers, Patrolman, Hayes made a motion to accept the resignation, Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams gave a survey report of other area cities, giving population, officers, and cars available in each city. In comparison, Galena has fewer officers and fewer cars.

Community Development Director, Ray Randall informed the Council that the C.D. Committee had selected OLD WEST PARTNERSHIP for the regional Planning Grant, at a bid of \$5,834.00.

Attorney Rowe congratulated Chief Brown on the assistance given in preparing the brief in the Duncan suit against the City.

Councilman Cure commented on the condition of the railroad tracks on Kennedy Hill in Empire, and suggested the need of signal lights or caution lights at the crossing. Cure made a motion that Attorney Rowe write Frisco Railroad Co., requesting some kind of caution signals, and the cutting of weeds and brush along the Frisco right of way. Faulkner seconded the motion Motion carried

Cure made a motion that George Lewis, of the Parks Department, report October 1, 1979, to Mr. Jarvis, and work out of the City Garage, at an hourly wage of \$3.48 per hour. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to allow Judge Robert Brown to attend a Seminar October 15, in Wichita. The City would be re-imbursed by the State for all expenses. Cure seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Cure made a motion to purchase a load of asphalt (road oil) at an approximate cost of \$2,700.00 to be paid from Street Department Funds Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

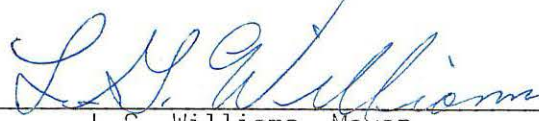
Faulkner made a motion to permit Jeff Charles a two week vacation, beginning September 24, 1979. Kelley seconded, and motion carried.

Cure made a motion to authorize Mr. Jarvis, Works Director, to buy an aluminum sprayer and chemicals needed to spray city buildings and residences for pest control. Smith seconded and motion carried.

Faulkner made a motion to accept the City Payroll and Appropriations Ordinance No. 79-21. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to accept the Community Development payroll and Appropriations Ordinance No. 79-21 Faulkner seconded and motion carried.

On motion by Smith seconded by Faulkner, Council adjourned.



L.G. Williams, Mayor



Idella Vanderpool, City Clerk

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