

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday September 18, 2000, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor George Jackson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER, OGLESBY, WEBSTER, BRANDENBURG, JACKSON

MINUTES:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting of August 21, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to approve and place on file the minutes of the special commission meeting, August 28, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting, August 24, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning and Zoning meeting, August 28, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

Mayor Jackson appointed William Lund to the Planning and Zoning Committee as a board member.

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DALE'S APPLE MARKET:

Brenda Smith, representing Dale's Apple Market, spoke to the commission concerning the police department purchasing outside the city instead of from the local store which has been the custom.

Smith noted food items for the city jail had dropped as much as \$400.00 a month and would like to have an explanation as to why the sales went out of town.

Chief Arthur stated the department had purchased a large freezer and was trying to buy in quantity and at the lowest price to save money for the city.

It was the agreement of the commission to buy locally if at all possible.

Chief Arthur said he had no problem in buying locally but needed a guideline if he could save 10, 20, or 30% outside of the city. Mayor LaTurner said to look over the sales sheet from Dales's Apple Mkt. and talk with City Manager Murray and he was sure he would get the guidance needed.

**SPRING RIVER PUBLIC
WHOLESALE WATER DISTRICT:**

Fred Weaver with Spring River Public Wholesale Water District spoke to the commission suggesting the city may want to reconsider and joint the water district in view of the wells that are being drilled by Empire District on stateline, existing drought, and water use in general.

City Manager, Jack Murray advised that the city has a water committee who is exploring available options.

Chairman Oglesby, Water Committee chairman told Mr. Weaver he would like the Wholesale Water District to attend the committee's next meeting, so the committee could obtain more details.

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CITY CLEAN UP:

Bill Shoemaker announced he had a plan for city cleanup involving the city, individuals, various organizations, and church groups, which will clean

Main Street from First Street to Eleventh Street, and east and west on Seventh Street one block each way. He noted the work is planned for Saturday, September 23rd.

The commission thanked Mr. Shoemaker for his proposal.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING:

Mayor Jackson announced that he had appointed a Committee on Housing which will set up standards for regulations of new homes, selling of homes, the rental of homes and so forth. He noted they would work in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Committee. He advised they would be having a meeting next Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor LaTurner said he certainly agrees with what he's trying to accomplish, but feels this would be duplicating some things. He stated we do have a Code Enforcement officer and an ordinance was passed that he could go in an unoccupied home and inspect it before it could be rented again, and the Planning and Zoning is designed to tell us where trailers can be put. He noted we have the process in place it just needs to be enforced.

CHAMPION CITY DESIGNATION:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Webster for the mayor to sign the paperwork to designate the city to become a Champion City. **Motion declared carried.**

2000 FINANCES:

City Manager, Jack Murray advised we may exceed our 2000 Budget and had spoken with Matt Mense the

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city's auditor and he would be here on the 25th of September with some advice and assistance. He advised he would make the mayor aware if we needed to amend the budget or make some money transfers and hopefully we could do this without going before the Board of Tax Appeals for no fund warrants.

APPR# 00-9:

Mayor Jackson said it seem like the police dept. was still spending a lot of money. City Manager advised there were uniforms in this appropriations that had been order quite awhile back, and noted that their spending had been cut very drastically and was running practically zero overtime.

Commissioner Webster asked if the bucket for the backhoe was a used or new one. City Supt. Mel Mittag stated a new one.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Brandenburg to approve Appr#00-9 in the amount of \$126,622.86.
Motion declared carried.

WORK SESSION ON CITY
PERSONNEL HANDBOOK:

Commission agreed to hold weekly work sessions starting on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. to go over the city personnel handbook. The Commission noted a special meeting notice would go out.

IMPOUND ORDINANCE:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Oglesby to accept as written Ordinance 00-10 establishing a storage fee for the City of Galena, Kansas Impoundment lot. **Motion declared carried.**

DUCK INN:

Commissioner Webster asked when the Duck Inn was going to be torn down. City Manager Jack Murray noted as soon as they could get the dozer and track loader freed up.

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WALKING TRACK:

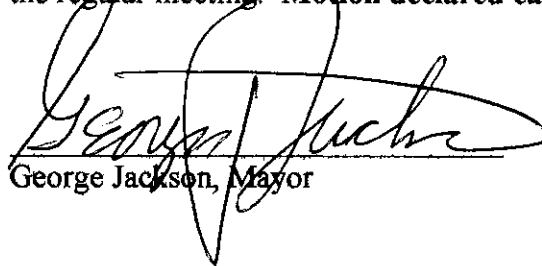
Moved by Webster, seconded by Brandenburg to close the walking track on September 25th for 24 hours to seal the track. **Motion declared carried**

PROPERTY IN CITY:

Lisa Brandenburg approached the commission concerning enforcement of condemned property advising the city needs to follow through on actions they take. She advised if the city can't finish a project, don't start it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Webster to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion declared carried.**



George Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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