

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2002

- CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday January 21, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated the following Commissioners present: LaTURNER, OGLESBY, JACKSON, AND BRANDENBURG. Absent: HARDMAN.
- MINUTES:** Motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to accept as written the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of January 7, 2002 and the minutes of the Galena Fire Department meetings of December 27, 2001 and January 10, 2002. Motion declared carried.
- HOUSING BOARD APPOINTMENT:** City Manager Jack Murray presented the name of Gary Kennedy for a four-year term on the Housing Authority Board.
- Mayor LaTurner made the appointment of Gary Kennedy to the four-year term on the Housing Board.
- SOUTHEAST KS NATURE CENTER LEASE:** City Manager Jack Murray advised the Commission that the Southeast KS Nature Center lease contract as presented to the Commission has been reviewed by the City Attorney and given his approval.
- Moved by Jackson, seconded by Oglesby to approve the contract with the Southeast KS Nature Center as presented. Motion declared carried.
- CDBG DRAWDOWN:** City Manager Jack Murray presented the Commission with the request for drawdown of CDBG funds in the amount of \$87,081.00 as payment for Engineering Contract Estimate and Inspection Fees.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Jackson to approve the submittal of the drawdown request for CDBG funds. Motion declared carried.

SGT. ZAPPA ACTIVATED:

City Manager Jack Murray advised the Commission that Sgt. John Zappa from the Police Department had been called in to active duty to train Military Police before they went overseas. Murray also advised Zappa was originally expected to be gone for a couple or months however plans had changed and he would back February 2, 2002.

LAGOON PROJECT UPDATE:

City Manager Jack Murray advised the Commission the sewer project was making some progress. The blowers are in place and ready for base also 2/3 of the aerators are in place and as soon as the electrical is complete they will be able to start the blowers the first time to see what it does. The flow control structures have been completed, the riprap has been completed, and the foreman advised that by the end of the month they should be ready for final inspection.

DEMOLITIONS:

City Manager Jack Murray advised the Commission that since the Code Enforcement Officer Mike Smith had been called out from the meeting by the Police Chief for an emergency inspection he would update on the demolitions completed.

Murray advised the house at 307 Joplin St. had been demolished and the lot cleaned up and black dirt spread, the house at 514 Galena Ave has been taken down and the lot cleared and leveled and black dirt spread. On Steve Vogels property at 917 E. 5th St. cleanup from the burning has been completed and black dirt spread, and the dead Elm tree East of 20th & Main St. in Owl Branch was removed last week.

Mayor LaTurner advised the bank had removed the house and old business on E. 7th St and the lot cleaned up and that it looked good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor LaTurner asked City Manager Murray if he had been back in contact with Dr. Christman about the school well and if we have a cost of the back-flow preventer. Murray advised he had delivered

all the costs with some drawings to Dr. Christman today and we should have a decision from the board after their next meeting that will be held the first Monday of February.

Commissioner Jackson asked if there had been any progress on the committee for revenue enhancement.

LaTurner advised not at this point. Discussion was held on ways to generate revenue, Murray advised raising taxes has been discussed, but would not generate enough revenue to do any good. Raising sewer rates was not an option to generate revenue however rates may need to be increased anyway to meet the obligations of the sewer grant/loan. Murray said discussions had been held on increasing the rates for cemetery grave openings, and lots since we had the lowest prices in the area.

FIRE TRUCK:

LaTurner advised it had been brought to his attention that the pay off on the fire truck was about \$10,000 higher than the Commission had been informed and asked what had been done to remedy this situation. Murray advised they had been looking into it and had nothing definite yet but it did look like the fire department would be able to take care of it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Commission. Motion declared carried.



Mark G. LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Haines, Asst. City Clerk

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