

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, October 15, 2001, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following commissioners **PRESENT:** LATURNER; JACKSON; OGLESBY; HARDMAN; **ABSENT:** BRANDENBURG,

Commissioner Hardman entered commission chambers at 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Oglesby to approve and place on file the minutes of the regular commission meeting October 1, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Oglesby to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Department Meeting of September 27, 2001. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Oglesby, Hardman
NAYS: 0**

SKATEBOARD PARK: Kyle Amstutz, Michael LaTurner, and Blake Hargis addressed the commission concerning a skateboard park for the city. They presented to the commission a petition with 200 names on it in favor of a park. Kyle Amstutz as the spokesperson suggested a site at 7th & Main Street. Mayor LaTurner said this site was not city owned property, but maybe an individual or group would be able to provide a site. The mayor told the boys he would get with the city manager and appoint a three-member park committee to access the needs of our city parks, but explained not to expect anything absolutely real soon. The commission assured the boys they would cooperate in every way possible, and commended the boys on their presentation.

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NEW POLICE OFFICER: Trevor Peterson was introduced to the commission by the city manager as a new patrolman with the police department.

LAGOON PROJECT

CONTRACT PAYMENT: City Manager, Jack Murray advised the contractor had submitted request for payment number one in the amount of \$46, 035.00, which he had reviewed and approved, and sent copies of the request to Rural Development and Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, who is the CDBG administrator advising SEKRPC to begin work on a drawdown to CDBG for their portion of it. He requested approval from the commission to pay the payment, when he received concurrence from Rural Development and CDBG.

Motion made by Oglesby, seconded by Jackson to pay the first payment to the contractor on the lagoon project. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Jackson, Oglesby, Hardman

NAYS: 0

QWAL LAB:

The commission was advised by the city manager that QWAL Laboratories, which did the city's testing, lost their certification and was requesting permission to go with Pace Industries, whose pricing for testing was very competitive with QWAL.

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to go with Pace Industries for testing. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Jackson, Oglesby, Hardman

NAYS: 0

WATER:

The city manager stated he had been contacted by Jeff Gard with American Water concerning the possibility of the city purchasing water from them. They are very close to bidding a new 12 inch main to run into state line to service the Empire District Plant out on State Line Rd. They said they could provide the city about 200

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gallons a minute with a 12 inch main and could upsize to a 16 inch and provide all the water we would need as a city if interested in purchasing water, and could purchase water at 89 cents per 1000 gallons, the same price as with Empire District.

He said he was also contacted by Empire District and they were considering a construction of a six-inch raw water line from Spring River to State Line to pump raw water from Spring River.

The mayor stated he would like the commission to be kept abreast pretty often on this that there were some tremendous benefits that could be reaped for the city.

PICKUPS:

The City manager presented quotes for new pickups for the city, and discussion was held on whom the pickups would go to. The city manager stated he was not prepared to make a recommendation at this time, he needed to take a closer look at the budget to see where to get the money.

SOFTWARE UPGRADE:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Jackson to approve and not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Governmentor to upgrade the software system in the city clerk's office.
Motion declared carried.

AYES: Jackson, Oglesby, Hardman

NAYS: 0

VOGELL PROPERTY:

E. 5th STREET:

The city manager advised Mr. Vogel had contacted him and said they were going to hire a contractor and repair the house. Mr. Vogel was suppose to be back in contact with him the 8th of October and let him know who would be doing the work, but as yet had not heard from him.

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It was decided the proper parties had been notified and refused the certified letter. The city attorney stated that refusal to sign is the same as received.

Mayor LaTurner stated we should proceed with condemnation as written and take care of the property.

APPR #01-10:

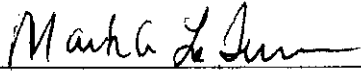
Moved by Jackson, seconded by Oglesby to approve Appropriations ord. # 01-10 in the amount of \$43,411.25. **Motion declared carried.**

DAM ON SHOAL CREEK:

Commissioner Jackson, said he had been approached by several people in Galena about building a 3 to 4 ft dam on shoal creek down at Schermerhorn Park. Mayor LaTurner stated the first step would be to talk to property owners around the park and it was something we could look into.


ADJOURNMENT:

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



Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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