

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, October 16, 2000, at 6:00 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor George Jackson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicted 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 October 2, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to approve and place on file the minutes of the special commission meeting, October 4, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Brandenburg, seconded by Oglesby to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting, September 28, 2000. **Motion declared carried.**

**BOUNDARY LINE SOUTH
END SPRING GROVE TRAILER
PARK:**

Richard Thompson, owner of Spring grove Trailer Park stated he had been coming to Galena for about sixteen years and there had always been a question as to the city boundary line at the south end of the Spring Grove trailer park. It was his understanding that the police were not sure of the boundary line and he also was not sure. He asked if the city could establish if the property was in the city limits or not.

Mayor Jackson replied the best thing to do is let the city manager find out exactly were the city limits end.

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He asked Mr. Thompson if he would like to have the piece of property inside the city if it wasn't for police protection. Mr. Thompson replied he felt that was the logical thing to do and could not vision a council cutting a trailer park half into at some time in the past.

Mayor Jackson stated the city manager could check it out and tell him exactly were the city boundary line is.

**LANDLORD'S
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
WATER BILL:**

Mr. Thompson said when a tenant fails to pay his water bill then a landlord is responsible. He realizes this is evidently a statute and noted it was that way in Missouri also. He said he had no objection to what the ordinance says, but feels if the landlord is going to be held responsible there should be an amendment to the ordinance that says the landlord will be notified and from that time they will be responsible for any further use and the landlord have the authority to tell the city to turn it off. He said he would like for the council to think about this and decide if it could be done.

Mayor Jackson asked if we had an ordinance in effect that after if it is not paid the water will be shut off.

Mr. Thompson said there was a \$75.00 dollar deposit required and that \$75.00 dollar deposit is used up and the city is going to transfer responsibility to the landlord he felt in all fairness to the landlord he should be notified.

Commissioner Oglesby noted this was something we might be able to do pretty simply on the computer on the landlord's request.

Mr. Thompson was advised to go into the city clerk's office and they could note the request on the

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computer if the tenant was behind on the bill he was to be notified.

**WATER/SEWER LEAK
ADJUSTMENTS:**

Mr. Thompson spoke to the commission on water leaks and felt it was unfair on a water leak for which water was not going through the sewer to be charged for it. He stated he had no problem with the cost of the water because that was his responsibility. He stated his water was \$817.00 and the sewer was \$1029.00.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if we had anything in place to adjust for a water leak. The city clerk stated there was an adjustment policy, but it was not set up by ordinance.

Commissioner Oglesby stated what they use to do was to adjust the sewer charge to what was normally used and adjust the water to the leak adjustment policy.

It was agreed by the commission to use an average sewer bill before the leak.

Commissioner Webster commended Mr. Thompson for building the new duplexes in the city. The other commissioners agreed.

WELL #4:

City Manager, Jack Murray reported to the commission concerning the need for a larger pump at well #4. He had spoke to Jim McBee at Tiff City Pump on an estimate for a pump that would pump 500 gallons a minute. He reminded the commission of the difficulty the city had this summer with water supply. He would like to take the pump now being used at well #4 and move it to well #2 at the city yard. The material cost for the new pump would be \$41,512.00. Installation, electrical, and labor was \$5,500.00 for a total \$47,012.00. He advised we could take half from the Special Water Fund and half from the Water Fund. He stated he also had Tiff City give a price of moving the existing pump

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at Well #4 down to Well #2 at the city yard and set it up with control so that we could provide the irrigation for the athletic field for the school and use well water instead of our chlorinated water, which would save us a little money and the well, could be used in emergency situations. Total price would be \$13, 607.00. He said he would like to talk to the school and see if they would be willing to share in the cost of moving the pump.

Charlie Sweet Water Superintendent advised the #4 Well would not supply what water they were using today. He said he had to run Empire Well over the weekend and he had a problem with the well, that when EPA come in they dropped our pump and went in to remat and must have got into the casing, because he is starting to get a little sand in the meter and felt we would be without that well pretty quickly, and when it goes down the water we have will not supply the city and water would have to be rationed. He advised it was something that needed to be addressed very quickly.

Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to go ahead with this project and also have the city manager to get with the Superintendent of Schools and see if he can work out a deal on Well #2.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Brandenburg. Motion declared carried.

Commissioner LaTurner asked if the motion was to proceed with doing all of it or to get with the school superintendent first.

Commissioner Oglesby stated the motion as he understood was to go on ahead and move on Charlie's recommendation to get the main well put in and then the City Manager will get with the School Superintendent on the other well and bring recommendations back to the commission.

Mayor Jackson said the motion had been made and seconded all they needed to do was vote. AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Mayor Jackson announced motion carried.

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**INDUSTRIAL PARK
LAND:**

City Manager, Jack Murray told the commission that Wally Lankford, Jr. had approached him about buying some city property to build a skating rink on. He said the property he was interested in was on West 7th Street the ground that lies between Hawk Engineering and Zodiac.

The commission requested the City Manager to obtain more information before making a decision, assurance something was going to be built there and if he had the resources to develop the land and build the skating rink.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Brandenburg, to allow the City Manager to work on the aspects of it and see if there is anything there. **Motion declared carried.**

**FURNACE FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT:**

City Manager, Jack Murray related he was approached by Jeremy Fields concerning the furnace in the apartment at the fire station not working.

Martin's Heating checked the unit and the heat transfer chamber in the unit was cracked which was causing the problem. The cost of a 100,000 BTU furnace was \$1500.00 installed. City Manager, Jack Murray advised it was not safe to run the furnace in this condition.

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Brandenburg to get two more bids and proceed with the lowest bid. **Motion declared carried.**

APPR# 00-10:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by LaTurner to approve Appropriations Ordinance #00-10 in the amount of \$55,089.92. **Motion declared carried.**

FINANCIAL STATUS:

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if the city manager anticipated having to transfer money up into the general fund to get through October, November, and December.

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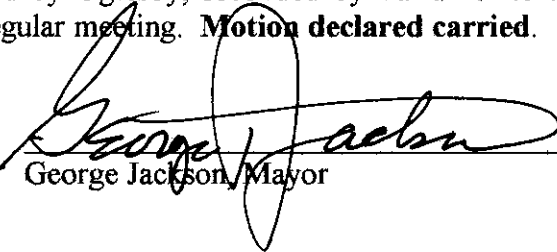
The City Manger advised they probably would have to and also amend the budget.

SPOOK HOUSE:

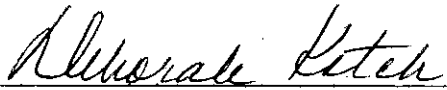
Mayor Jackson said he would like to commend the Chief of Police and his staff for their presence during the Spook House and the band on Main Street, Friday October 13th. He stated he felt everything went very well and everyone attending acted in an orderly manner.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


George Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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