

GALENA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 1980

The City Council of Galena Kansas met in regular session, Tuesday, October 21, 1980 at 7:00 P. M. with Mayor Delores Smith presiding.

Roll Call showed 8 members present: Mann, Hayes, Means, Piercefield, Watkins, T. Wade, A. Wade, and Kelley.

Minutes of the Council meeting of October 7, and the Planning & Zoning meeting of October 13, 1980 were presented for approval. Mrs. Smith asked that the minutes of the council meeting be amended on Page 1 paragraph 4 to read "Mrs. Smith stated the motion to reject the resignation of Norma Lutz failed." Ira Kelley asked that Page 4, paragraph 1 be corrected to read "Ira Kelley voted No. Motion carried 6-2". Bud Piercefield asked to amend Page 1 paragraph 10 to omit L.G. Williams and read "Lillian Price Case vs. Robert Brown and the City of Galena.

Tom Wade made the motion to approve the minutes of the planning & Zoning meeting and the Council meeting as corrected. Kelley seconded. Alan Wade abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith asked for the "Old Business" to be brought up at a later time out of respect for Auditor Matt Mense.

Mr. Mense gave council members copies of his figures in regard to expected expenditures for the balance of 1980. He stated these were unaudited figures, based on information in the City Clerks' Office.

He stated the bank account was still not reconciled as of September 30. He further explained the city started the year off \$10,000 in the hole, but with investments of \$193,000. He stated receipts for the first 9 months of the year were \$533,000 and disbursements were \$619,888. As of September 30, the City had an overdraft of \$11,000 and investments of \$107,000. He pointed out the water budget was \$64,000 over.

He estimated receipts for the rest of the year to be \$148,948, including franchise taxes, water receipts, highway maintenance, and cashing a matured C.D. for \$12,032. He projected expenses to be \$147,302 for the balance of the year to include payroll, operating expenses, supplies, & utilities but nothing unusual, which would leave the city a balance of funds at the end of the year of \$2,241.

From his observations, he suggested (1) Contact the County for approximately \$29,000 in tax money due to the city. (2) Transfer \$55,000 from Revenue Sharing to the water fund to cover the deficit. (3) Use Special Highway money of Approximately \$16,000 for street maintenance and repairs.

He pointed out that (1) at the beginning of the year the city had \$193,000 in investments but would only have \$106,000 at the end of the year. (2) The City's budget is in good shape considering the improvements for the city such as the dozer, the pump and pumphouse, and the Swimming Pool repair. (3) Around the 1st of December the council should have someone look at the books and amend the budget.

Mrs. Smith stated the main reason the water budget is so low is the anticipated water increase which hasn't gone through yet.

Under "Old Business" Mrs. Smith mentioned the vacancy in the 4th ward. She stated there were two applications, Dennis Hart, and Tom Allen. Mrs Mann made the motion to appoint Dennis Hart to fill the vacancy. Piercefield seconded. Roll Call showed a tie vote 4-4, with Mann Hayes, Piercefield, & Kelley voting yes and Means, Watkins, T. Wade, and Alan Wade voting No. Mayor Smith broke the tie in favor of appointing Mr. Hart. Motion Carried.

Hart was asked if he would take the seat at this time, to which he replied he would wait until after the meeting.

Mrs. Smith stated that we should advertise to fill the vacancy in the 2nd ward.

Mrs. Smith brought up Insurance for the employees, since the council had heard from Metropolitan, Prudential, and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Watkins stated Blue Cross-Blue Shield was the best buy for the money with \$10,000 life insurance and they pay their claims good. Metropolitan is slow to pay and only pays \$80.00 a day for hospital rooms.

Watkins made the motion to purchase the Blue Cross-Blue Shield policy. Kelley seconded. Roll call showed a tie 4-4 with Watkins, T. Wade, A. Wade and Kelley voting yes, and Means, Mann, Hayes, & Piercefield voting no. Means stated he voted no because he was not ready to make a decision. Mann said she was pressured by Blue Cross-Blue Shield agent. Smith broke the tie with a no vote. Motion failed.

Tom Wade made the motion to table the insurance until the next meeting. Hayes seconded. Motion carried unanimous.

The need to select a president of the council was brought up. Means made the motion for Tom Wade as President of the Council. Watkins seconded. Motion carried with Tom Wade abstaining.

The vacancy on the finance committee was discussed. It was decided Dennis Hart would fill that vacancy since he was replacing Verda Faulkner on the council and that was her position.

Howard Jarvis, Public Works Superintendant, said he had a man going to school in Chanute November 5th & 6th for wastewater school. He asked for expenses for food and lodging and that he be allowed to use the City car. Watkins moved to allow this. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Jarvis stated that they were out of water fittings and estimated it would cost approximately \$400 to get enough for the rest of the year. Tom Wade made the motion to allow this. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Jarvis said he had to have 5 bags of copper sulphate for the lagoons at \$50.50 per bag. Tom Wade moved to allow this, Hayes seconded, the motion carried.

Tom Wade made the motion to allow 1 weeks pay in lieu of vacation for Ken Bankson. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Leonard Johnson spoke to the council about a newly formed boxing club. He stated that he had been loaned a building for 2 months and would like the council to waive the \$25.00 water deposit. He stated his intent was to keep the boys out of the pool halls and hoped this would be a start for a future youth center or boys club. Watkins made the motion to waive the deposit. Means seconded with the stipulation that the meter comes out when the boxing club moves out of the building. Motion carried.

The renewal of the Workers' Compensation insurance was the next item discussed. Mrs Smith stated possibly the council would like to take bids since it would be increasing to \$9400. Piercefield made the motion this be referred to the budget & Finance committee. Tom Wade seconded. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mrs. Smith said there was need of action on the removal of the Police radio from former Mayor L. G. Williams car. She stated the Scanner and the keys to the office were already turned in. Kelley made the motion that Rex Chambers remove the radio and install it in Mayor Smiths' car; and that it be maintained from Revenue Sharing. Piercefield seconded the motion carried.

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Mrs. Smith had two water customers with justifiable leaks for adjustment. Juanita Scott had a bill of \$40.66 and the Elks Building \$119.26. Tom Wade moved to adjust these by 50%. Hayes seconded. Motion carried.

Ray Randall presented the bids for demolition of 1100 Galena. He said the C.D. Committee recommended Kaehler. Tom Wade seconded. Motion carried with Means abstaining.

Randall then stated he had received the rebate from F.H.A. for the well. Randall asked for the refund to be put into administration for payroll until January. Piercefield moved this be allowed. Kelley seconded. Motion carried 5-3 with T. Wade, Watkins & Means voting No.

Means spoke regarding the new CETA contract which includes a pay increase for CETA employees. The committee discussed this and recommends the patrolman receive the high of \$3.69 per hour and the dispatchers receive 3.53 which is just below the City dispatchers because of the benefits of CETA. Means stated he would put this in the form of a motion and that the pay be retroactive to October 1. Piercefield seconded, the motion carried.

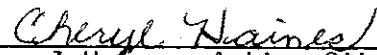
Kelley brought up a problem at the old fire station. The land under the building is owned by Joe Kingrey but the building is owned by the City. Kelley said Mr. Kingrey would like to swap the city property behind the building for the ground under the building. Discussion revealed the property has already been surveyed and if the surveyor is bonded the City should take his opinion and have the City Attorney draw up the necessary papers. Kelley made the motion Rowe check into this and present his findings at the next meeting. T. Wade seconded. Motion carried.

Concerning appropriations, Means made the motion that Ordinance fees be paid out of the General fund. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Wade made the motion to approve C.D. Payroll & Appropriations and City Payroll and appropriations. Watkins seconded. Motion carried.

Piercefield made the motion, T. Wade seconded and the meeting was adjourned.


Dolores Smith, Mayor


Cheryl Haines, Acting City Clerk