

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 1979

The governing body of the City of Galena met in regular session December 4, with Mayor L. G. Williams presiding.

Council members Kelley, Davies, Hall, Smith, Cure, Hopkins, Hayes, Faulkner and Piercefield were present. Councilman Bailey was absent.

Smith moved to accept the minutes of the November 20 meeting. Kelley seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions. (Hopkins and Davies)

Jim Huddleston of the 408 Cab Company of Joplin, addressed the body on the question of cab service to the city of Galena. Huddleston presented a coupon service, in which the city would buy coupons at \$1.00 and sell to recipients at a discount. Coupons would be available to blind, low income, and the handicapped. Service would be from 6AM to 10PM, with regular daily runs to Joplin.

Piercefield made a motion to table the issue. Davies seconded, and the motion carried.

In the absence of Bruce Howerton, the council voted to table his request for land in the Industrial Park, for business purposes.

Mr. Sleeth, representing the retail merchants, voiced opposition to the proposed change in Main Street parking. As an alternative, Sleeth suggested a one hour limit on parking from 9 to 5 o'clock, Monday through Saturday, from First to Eighth Streets. Sleeth presented a petition, signed by downtown merchants, requesting the parking remain diagonal.

Davies made a motion the Street Committee meet with the merchants and work out a satisfactory solution. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Hall read a letter from the Fireman's Relief Association, requesting approval of equipment purchases, totaling \$3,284.90. On motion by Hall, seconded by Hopkins, the council approved the purchases.

City Attorney Rowe presented five ordinances to the council. Subjects covered were prohibiting terroristic threats; prohibiting trespassing; burglary; worthless checks; and search warrants.

Piercefield moved to table the ordinance on search warrants. Davies seconded and the motion carried.

Smith moved to accept the remaining four ordinances. Piercefield seconded. Motion carried with one nay vote. (Hall)
Kelley asked the council to consider a light for the southeast corner of the Library. Mayor Williams appointed Hall, Piercefield and Kelley to make recommendations on a suitable light near the library entrance.

Mayor Williams presented a contract letter from Matt Mense for auditing the books for 1979 and preparing the 1981 budget.

Smith moved to table the audit contract for further study. Faulkner seconded, and the motion carried.

Williams requested council action concerning damages to the city jail by a juvenile inmate. The juvenile is mentally ill, and now in an institution. The boy's mother is seriously ill and bedfast. Damages are estimated to be \$200. to \$300.

On motion by Cure, seconded by Piercefield, the council voted to waive charges and assume cost of repair.

As a result of an earlier hearing (preceeding the council session) on amending the 1979 budget, Smith made a motion to amend the General Fund in the amount of \$40,000. On roll call vote, the motion passed 6 to 3.

Voting yes: Kelley, Smith, Cure, Hayes, Faulkner, and Piercefield.

Voting no: Davies, Hall and Hopkins.

Police Chief Brown requested one week vacation be allowed for Patrolman Ingram, between December 19 and December 26. On motion by Piercefield, seconded by Davies, the vacation was allowed.

Chief Brown gave a report on the stock marshall's activities.

Brown read a statement of his personal convictions concerning interference by individual council members, and requested backing in the operation of his department.

Councilman Davies expressed confidence in Chief Brown. Other council members corroborated.

Piercefield of the police committee gave the monthly report of fines collected. \$5,008. were collected, with the City receiving \$4,836.

A request for vacation pay in lieu of time off by Melvin Hendryx was approved, since Hendryx had been unable to take time off as previously authorized.

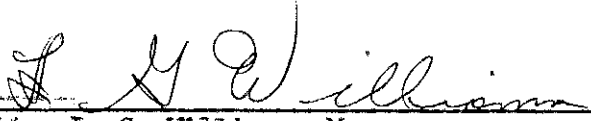
Ken Bankson, assistant fire truck driver, was approved for vacation from December 21 to Jan 4 Motion was made by Piercefield seconded by Hall.

Piercefield made a motion to allow a \$35.00 cost deposit to the clerk of District Court in the Mechanic Lien suit brought by James Harryman. Faulkner seconded and the motion carried.

On motion by Smith, seconded by Cure, the council approved the purchase of outdoor lights to decorate a Christmas tree to be placed in front of the Municipal building.

On motion by Smith, seconded by Cure, the council approved the City and Community Development appropriations, with one abstention. (Davies)

The council adjourned on motion by Hall, seconded by Faulkner.


L. G. Williams, Mayor


Idella Vanderpool, City Clerk