

MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 1988

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Galena was called to order Tuesday, December 6, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll Call indicated the following Council Members present: Poelma, Hayes, Little, King Qualls, Byrd, Fitzer, Tipton
ABSENT: Jenkins

COUNCILMAN STEPHENSON:

Mayor Allen asked for a moment of silence in memory of Councilman John Stephenson who passed away November 23, 1988.

MINUTES:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Poelma to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 1988. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Tipton to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17, 1988. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAINED: Hayes, King, Qualls

Moved by Poelma, seconded by King to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 22, 1988. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: Hayes

Moved by Poelma, seconded by Tipton to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 1988. Motion declared carried.

ABSTAIN: Hayes, King, Qualls

CONDEMNATION HEARING:
509 GALENA AVE:

Mayor Allen opened the condemnation hearing. John Ferguson, representing the estate of T. L. Ferguson was present. He requested additional time to bring the house to code. He said St. John's Hospital had filed a judgment against the property and he was trying to get this settled.

Mr. Ferguson was informed that the house did not meet certain safety standards and could not be used as a residence in its present condition.

Moved by King, seconded by Qualls to grant Mr. Ferguson 30 days to bring the property at 509 Galena Avenue to within safety standards for residences. Motion declared carried.

1119 WALL:

Melvin Turner stated he had recently purchased the property at 1119 Wall from Ms. Wilson. He had met with the City Inspector and was in the process of cleaning up the property so that he might start repair of the house.

The City Inspector recommended Mr. Turner be given time to bring the property to code.

Moved by Little, seconded by Poelma to allow Richard Turn 90 days to make repairs and bring the property at 1119 Wall to City Code. Motion declared carried.

Condemnation Hearing Closed

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REVIEW OF CONDEMNATION
ACTIVITY:

City Inspector reviewed condemnation activity for 1988 and reviewed for the council members what had been done on each property.

311 Joplin: Inside completed, Starting to paint outside.

7th & Washington: Some repair has been done. Owner lives out of state and needs to be notified of broken windows.

7th & Water: Owner has failed to comply with city request. Condemnation proceedings are to be started.

23rd & Barlett: Project is complete

23rd & Barlett: Owner is using the building for storing hay.

117-119 West 1st: Owner had cleaned up the outside but is starting to need to be cleaned again. The house has not been brought to code and the owner is using it for storage which also makes it in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Moved by Little, seconded by Poelma to send Wally Lankford a letter giving him 10 days to bring to house to code or the city will raise the structure. Motion declared carried.

Lots 137-138 Empire City OP: Mark Lee was present and stated he had attempted to have a controlled burn on December 4th but will have one on December 11.

ENGINEERING CONTRACT
CDBG SEWER PROJECT:

Robert Hosack of SEK Regional Planning was present and reviewed the changes recommended by the city in the contract from Mid Kansas Engineering having to do with the resident inspector.

Moved by King, seconded by Little to enter into a contract with Mid Kansas Engineering for the CDBG Sewer Project. Motion declared carried.

NAY: Fitzer

2 TON FLOOR JACK:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Qualls to allow the City Superintendent to purchase a 2 ton floor jack at a cost of \$275 from Snap On Tools. Motion declared carried.

NAYS: Hayes

ABSTAIN: Poelma

CITY LANDFILL:

Sanitation Committee had met on a request from a person outside the city to use the landfill. Joplin Landfill charges \$14.45 per ton. Little recommended a city sticker for all city residents which would control persons using the landfill and give a check on persons living in the city with out of state tags.

Moved by Fitzer, seconded by Little to charge \$2 per pickup and \$10 per dump truck for all trash deposited in the city landfill that is generated outside the city. Motion declared carried.

NAYS: Qualls, King

UTILITY COMPANYS STREET &
ALLEY REPAIRS:

City Superintendent requested he be allowed to contact Bob Sinclair concerning the Gas Company not repairing streets and alleys

CITY WORKING ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY:

A discussion was held on the subject of city employees doing work on private property and billing it back to the property owner.

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to table indefinitely, the discussion of work being done by the city on private property until a policy is up for consideration. Motion declared carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
MEMORIALS:

Moved by Little, seconded by King to purchase memorial trees (evergreen) for each council member deceased in the last 2 years and for all council members in the future who deacease while in office. Motion declared carried.

REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER:

Chief Collins reported on the Regional Detention Center being considered for Cherokee County. Chief Collins serves on the advisory board. The department of corrections has one-half million dollars to start the set up of the center. It will be a 100 bed facility holding Class D & E felons. No person convicted of a crime against a person will be retained here. It will be a honor camp for 1st time offenders. The old Gulf Chemical area is one of the areas being considered for the application by Cherokee County. Thirty to thirty-five jobs would be created and work teams of the prisoners would be farmed out to do minor jobs for the cities and the county such as clean up work or mowing of cemeteries.

Chief Collins requested the council keep updated on this project so they might be able to answer questions posed by the residents or be able to tell the residents who to contact with their questions.

CITY LANDFILL:

Qualls requested the city landfill discussion be reopened.

Moved by qualls to amend policy on use of landfill to impose a fee. Motion died for lack of second.

Moved by King, seconded by Qualls to strike the motion voted on earlier to charge residents outside the city to use the landfill. Motion failed.

PETTY CASH:

Moved by Qualls, seconded by Poelma to require only one signature for withdrawal of funds in the Petty Cash Account up to \$100. Motion declared carried.

LOADER LEASE RESOLUTION
NO. 88-18

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Fitzer to approve Resolution 88-18 authorizing Mayor Allen to sign the lease purchase agreement with E. A. Martion. Motion declared carried.

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4TH WARD VACANCY:

Moved by Little, seconded by King to advertise to fill the vacancy created in the 4th Ward by the death of John Stephenson. Motion declared carried.

CHRISTMAS TREE:

Moved by Fitzner, seconded by Tipton to allow the city clerk to purchase a new christmas tree for the community room, if one cannot be obtained elsewhere. Motion declared carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH & HOUSING: Committee will set up the rules and regulations for the Senior Citizens Board as soon as they have had an opportunity to review the Board's Articles of Incorporation.

COURT REPORT:

Moved by King, seconded by Qualls that the Court Report for November in the amount of \$1028 be placed on file. Motion declared carried.

STREET: Hold Harmless agreement was ready to send to Kay Kay.

HIRING PRACTICES SEMINAR:

Mayor Allen announced the hiring practices seminar presented by Dan Resnick of the Civil Rights Commission would be December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

VACATE ALLEY:
WEST OF BARNES BETWEEN
EMPIRE & OAK STREETS:

City Attorney reported that the city could open an alley that had been vacated. They would not have to pay for the property but would have to pay for any improvements.

Moved by Little, seconded by Byrd to vacate the alley between Empire Street and Oak west of Barnes to the City Limits. Motion declared carried.

NAYS: Tipton, Qualls, Poelma

FAIR RENTAL ORDINANCE:

Mayor Allen announced the Public Hearing for the Fair Rental Ordinance would be at 7:00 December 20.

PAYROLL ORDINANCE 88-27:

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Little to approve Payroll Ordinance 88-27 in the amount of \$3725.94 plus \$279.82 FICA. Motion declared carried.

PAYROLL ORDINANCE 88-27A:

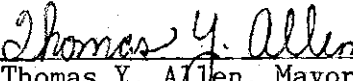
Moved by Poelma, seconded by Byrd to approve Payroll Ordinance 88-27A in the amount of \$9133.04 plus \$685.90 FICA. Motion declared carried.

CHRISTMAS BONUS:

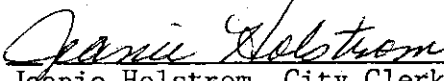
Moved by Little, seconded by Hayes to allow a \$12.50 gift certificate to Dales IGA for each city employee. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Galena City Council. Motion declared carried.


Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanie Holstrom, City Clerk

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