

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF
DECEMBER 7, 1998**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commissioners was Called to order on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission chambers with Mayor David Shallenburger presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners present: LaTURNER, COLEMAN, SHALLENBURGER.

MINUTES:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 16, 1998 and the Fire Department Meeting of November 24, 1998. Motion declared carried.

CEMETERY:

Rob Owens, Cemetery Sexton spoke to the Commission regarding some problems and suggestions for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Owens requested the Commission publish a notice in the paper to advise interested persons the City would like to remove some of the lot borders and walls at the Old Galena Cemetery and Oakhill Cemetery over the next three years to more effectively maintain the cemeteries and enhance the appearance.

GOODRICH ENTERS:

City Attorney Michael Goodrich entered the meeting at 6:03.

Owens continued his report asking the Commission to post regular hours at the Cemetery in an effort to reduce vandalism and thefts at the Cemeteries. Owens requested hours be set at 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM in winter and 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM in summer. City Attorney Goodrich advised the Commission should take under advisement and adopt at a later date possibly at next meeting.

Owens continued, stating the City of Galena has never established rates for the placement and repair of headstones or markers nor designated the cemetery sexton for those duties. Owens suggested rates and proposed the money from repair of placement be set aside and allocated especially for acquisition of equipment.

Attorney Goodrich advised the new code will establish a new cemetery fund, however much of the cemetery money goes to the General Fund. Goodrich recommended the Mayor appoint a committee of two persons with Owens to investigate and address all issues. Mayor Shallenburger said he would take it under advisement.

Owens requested the Commission to look at the paperwork he had to work with and advised he needed to take 1-1 ½ months to update information and put on a computer disk with the help of a lady at the genealogy department.

Mayor Shallenburger and Mr. Coleman commended Rob for the job he had done at the cemetery.

WATER DEPT. TRUCK:

Charles Sweet advised Glen Newman had called to offer a 1979 Ford Truck with a utility body to the city if within the city's budget. Newman had asked \$3400 but had come down to \$3200. Sweet advised the truck was in A-1 Condition mechanically, with new tires, paint & interior. Coleman advised he also had talked to Newman and looked at the truck and thought the city should purchase it if there was any way possible.

Mayor Shallenburger advised Commissioners should not be fielding bids and if the city were to purchase any equipment they should advertise and take bids.

PUMP REPAIR WELL #4:

Charles Sweet discussed the cost of repair of the pump at well #4 which was purchased new approximately 1 year ago. Tiff City pump had billed the city for a total of \$6505 including \$3500 labor costs.

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LaTurner advised he had spoken with Mr. McBee and since the city had paid \$7800 for the pump in February and it was out in September LaTurner had a real problem with the \$3500 cost of labor. LaTurner felt there should at least be an implied warranty if there was none written. LaTurner further stated that Mr. McBee should contact Debbie Kitch as City Manager and that he would vote no on the appropriation.

Mayor Shallenburger advised this should be tabled until Debbie could contact Mr. McBee. Mr. Sweet advised Mr. McBee requested him to call him back. Shallenburger referred the matter to the City Manager and the City Atty.

STREET LIGHT AT 22nd & WOOD:

Mayor Shallenburger advised the Commission that the matter of the removal of the street light at 22nd & Wood Streets had already been taken care of by the City Manager.

PHILLIP FISHBURN-M.A.P.:

Phillip Fishburn of Midwest Assistance Program was present to discuss the Sewer and Water grants. Mr. Fishburn presented the commissioners with a list of 7 points to look at on the Sewer grant stressing the application process should be completed by March 1. On the water grant Mr. Fishburn advised funds obligated for the original project are still available and RD will give the city ample time to decide what the city wants or needs to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mark LaTurner, seconded by Clyde Coleman to go into executive session at 7:40 not to exceed 20 minutes for Attorney- Client Privilege. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Shallenburger called the meeting back to order at 8:00.

ROLL CALL:

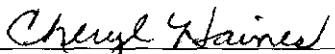
Roll Call indicated the following commission members present: LaTURNER, COLEMAN, SHALLENBURGER.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Commission. Motion declared Carried.


David Shallenburger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Haines, Asst. City Clerk

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