

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Myra Carlisle Frazier presiding.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll Call indicated the following council members present: SHRYOCK, SHOEMAKER, MONTEE, BANKSON, CURE, DAVIES, QUALLS. Absent: NONE
- FIRE DEPT. MINUTES:** Moved by Shryock, seconded by Montee to pass and place on file the Galena Fire Department minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2006. Motion declared carried
- SR. SERVICES MEALS:** Councilmember Bankson advised the city had received a request from Senior Services of Southeast Kansas, Inc. requesting the city not charge for the use of the Community Room for the Sr. Citizens meal program. He advised currently they were paying \$600.00 per year for rent/utilities for the use of the room.
- Discussion was held by the City Council and with Jerry Byrd who works for the meals program as to whether the charges should be reduced to ½ or waived completely.
- Moved by Davies, seconded by Bankson to charge \$5.00 per month to Sr. Services of Southeast Kansas, Inc. for continued use of the Community room for rent & utilities. Motion declared carried.

INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Councilmember Bankson advised the city liability insurance policy would be renewable April 1 of this year. He also advised St. Paul Insurance Company had paid out a total of \$113,716 to date for damages from the storms which was more than had been paid to them for coverage.

St. Paul Insurance Co. offered Property and Auto insurance for \$55,457.00. They offered a lower deductible to General Liability to \$10,000.00 but with that came a lower limit to \$500,000 for an increase of \$3,795.00. The Police Professional Liability was lowered \$3952.74 and the Public Official Liability Insurance was reduced \$3795.36 with a \$50,000 deductible. Total package for insurance ended up being \$137,828.72 which is \$5758.10 less than last years premium.

Discussion was held concerning the \$500,000 limit for liability. Kevin Cure, City Attorney, advised the state limit was \$500,000 however the Federal court limit does not apply.

Motion by Bankson, seconded by Shoemaker to accept the proposed insurance renewal offer from St. Paul Insurance as proposed in the March 13, 2006 letter. Motion declared carried.

TRUCK ROUTE:

Councilmember Bankson stated the truck route is currently on Short Street and the basis for this change was for the Main Street Grant to allow for the Main Street project to be completed. At some time the project will get going but in the meantime traffic needs to be off Short St. and asked the truck route be moved back to Main St.

Discussion followed as to whether it should be to Main St. or Clark St.

Moved by Shryock, seconded by Montee to authorize the city Attorney to draft an ordinance to eliminate Short Street as a truck route, move the truck route to Clark St. Motion declared carried.

The City Attorney advised that if Ordinance 05-17 was repealed it would eliminate the Short St. Truck route Ordinance. Davies requested signs be taken down tomorrow and have the Chief go down tomorrow and tell them to start using Clark St.

**ORD. VACATING ALLEY
NORTH OF 12TH STREET :**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to Approve Ordinance No. 06-01 vacating the alley North of 12th Street between Harvard and Yale Street. Motion declared carried.

ORD. VACATING YALE ST.

Moved by Shryock, seconded by Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 06-02 vacating a portion of Yale Street from the North edge of 12th Street for one block North. Motion declared carried.

APPROPRIATION ORD 06-03:

Councilmember Davies questioned payment for the 97 Ford Pickup on page 2 of the Appropriations to Stinnett Motors shows paid out of General Admin. Should be paid out of Spec. Equip. Mel's Dept.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shryock to pay the \$2500 out of the Spec. Equip fund Mel's Dept. as opposed to the administration fund. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Shryock to approve Appropriations Ordinance 06-03 in the amount of \$115,338.48. Motion declared carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Davies advised the street committee requests the city set aside \$75,000 for street repairs as they did last year and the year before that.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to appropriate \$75,000 for street paving with the fund to be determined later. Motion declared carried.

Davies advised the Street Committee would like to replace 1 block of sidewalk to see what it would cost, and at least get started with replacement then do the next block.

Councilmember Cure advised he and Debbie had discussed looking at the fund availability in August to see what might be available. Mayor Frazier suggested we wait until August to see if funds are available.

GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD:

Councilmember Qualls advised the park committee had a request from Kelvin Ward President of the Galena Girls Softball Assoc. for help repairing storm damage to the ball field fence. She advised the original estimate was \$1200 but Mr. Ward had top rails and poles donated and mainly needed fabric for the fence which would cost approximately \$600 to finish the north field. Mr. Ward also said 5-6 chain link poles, some top rails and 5-6 bags of concrete would be needed for the south field. There was also some shingles on the concession stand which needed repaired from a different storm after the initial roof replacement from the tornado. He also asked if the LCC boys could stretch the fence.

Moved by Cure, seconded by Shoemaker for the city to spend up to \$600 for repairs exhausting the Brick money first then the balance from Parks. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Cure, seconded by Shoemaker to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council. Motion declared carried.

Myra Carlisle Frazier
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Haines, Assistant City Clerk