

MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the commission chambers with Mayor Dale Oglesby presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present:  
OGLESBY; DONALDSON; JACKSON; DAVIES;  
HARDMAN

MINUTES:

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, February 17, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson; Jackson; Davies; Hardman**

**NAYS: 0**

CROSSES AT SCHERMERHORN:

Commissioner Davies spoke stating those that took down the crosses did what they thought was right to avoid a possible lawsuit, but it would have been well if the commission had been informed of the issue ahead of time and been a part of the decision making. He said he wished the crosses could have been left up until the city was forced to take them down.

Mayor Oglesby said it was a hard issue to deal with. After he received the letter from the Jewish family he took it to the City Manager and they consulted with the City Attorney and the Rutherford Institute. Both stated the city could not win if brought to court on the matter.

City Manager, Jack Murray said it was a hard decision for him to make.

Many citizens attended the meeting with questions. Rev. Castleberry said that he had talked with the American Center for Law and Justice and he was told the city could not win on such an issue. He also stated that placing crosses on personal property could not be prohibited and

March 3, 2002

would result in more awareness and more visibility. We are after all a Christian community he said and we need to make ourselves known.

Mayor Oglesby told the citizens we are with you and thanks for being here.

JAIL:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated the Jackson County , Oklahoma Jail that was being built was by sales tax, not by grant.

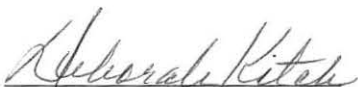
Jim Montee asked if the Galena project would be put to a vote of the people. The city manager stated yes, if it was funded by any taxes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion declared carried.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Oglesby, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

(SEAL)