

MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, April 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.** in the commission chambers with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, April 7, 2003. ( with correction to page 3 **to add motion declared carried** after Scott Donaldson nominated as mayor pro-tem and on page 5 **add the ayes and nays after adjournment.** **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. Meeting April 10, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby**  
**NAYS: None**

HEATING/AIR UNIT  
POLICE DEPT.:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated the heating/air unit was completely out in the police dept. and needed replacing.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to table until more information on the units is obtained and hold a special meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby**  
**NAYS: None**

PAVING:

City Manager, Jack Murray announced they had started paving. Columbus Street had been paved. They are working on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street and then will start Dewey Street.

CONCRETE PLANT:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated O'Brien's Concrete had started moving some of there equipment in and should be ready for operation within the next two weeks. The operation is located in the Industrial Park.

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**JOPLIN HUMANE SOCIETY:**

Wayne Cunningham, manager of the Joplin Humane Society spoke to the commission about possibility contracting with the city to accept some of its stray animals. The commission said they would like to see a sample contract before making any decision.

**SPENDING LIMITS:**

Discussion was held on some of the expenditures of the city. Mayor Hardman stated since January they had spent \$1428.00 at Bumper to Bumper, \$3544.00 to Shortcreek. Commissioner Davies stated we were spending a \$1000.00 a month on Uniforms. We need to know who's buying things and what they are for stated Mayor Hardman. Commissioner Davies said if the tickets are not signed we shouldn't pay for them. He noted there was numerous tickets not signed.

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to draw up an ordinance changing the spending limit from 1250.00 to 300.00. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies,**  
**NAYS: Oglesby**

**FUND FOR BLUE HOLE:**

Commissioner Davies stated they had talked about putting the monies collected from Blue Hole in a separate fund to make sure when it came time for closure there was money available.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to put monies toward closing out big blue in a separate fund. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby**  
**NAYS: None**

**TORT LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

Commissioner Donaldson announced he had found out that tort liability for the city was \$1,000,000.00 coverage, which was adequate.

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POLICE CARS:

Commissioner Shoemaker questioned the custom of allowing police cars and other city vehicles to be taken home.

Chief Cameron Arthur said the car that goes home with him was approved to go home with him. He stated he is called out many times, like this weekend he spent 44 hours out. The car that goes home with Deb Web for truancy issues, involved in school all hours of the night. The other police car was for Sergeant Gary Holt no longer here that responded out on any situation without using his pickup. This car was passed on to Sergeant Newman.

Commissioner Shoemaker said he had heard of the vehicles being used for personal use.

Commissioner Oglesby stated he had been on the Newton County Sheriff's office. They had a lot of officers responding in their own vehicles and one that was critically injured on route to an accident in his own car and the litigation went on for years. He said he also felt the vehicles should not be used for personal use.

Mayor Hardman stated it didn't bother her were the cars are parked at night. It bothers me if they are being used for personal business. The cars need to be used for business only.

Commissioner Donaldson said he has seen other city vehicles being used not only the police dept.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies for the City Superintendent, City Manager, Chief of Police, Mel Mittag-Sewer, and Randy Youngblood-Water being the only vehicles to be taken home.

Mayor Oglesby said he had a question before they voted. Why would the city manager need

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a car when we wouldn't even let the police have them? Commissioner Shoemaker replied it was in his contract that we provide him a car.

Commissioner Oglesby asked for a roll call vote.  
**SHOEMAKER; AYE DAVIES; AYE DONALDSON; AYE  
HARDMAN; NAY OGLESBY; NAY  
Motion declared carried.**

APPR# 03-03:

Commissioner Davies stated the cell phone bill for the police dept. was \$244.00. There should be a limit, if they want to go over that they can pay for there own calls. Total telephone bills for the police dept was \$737.37, which does not include the pagers. He did not feel like \$100.00 expense checks should be on there for the officers going to the academy since we were paying them 40 hours anyway. He said I will not vote for the appropriations.

Commissioner Oglesby stated if we breach the trust of our vendors and decide not to pay any bills we won't have a city to run. Wouldn't the voters be proud of us then. Commissioner Davies asked if he would like for someone to use his bank account as they pleased. Commissioner Davies questioned the alignment of Bill Wells's car. City Manager, Jack Murray stated he had hit a chug hole. We do need to address the police situation as far as the academy advised Mayor Hardman.

Commissioner Donaldson said it would probably not be noted in the records but everyone needs to see that our Chief left before the meeting, and is not here to answer any of those questions. He got mad and left. Mayor Hardman replied so noted. Davies said he would vote to pay the bills but would not vote for another one with some of this stuff on there.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Donaldson to approve Appropriation Ordinance 03-04 in the amount of \$90,617.64 **Motion declared carried**

**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby  
NAYS: None**

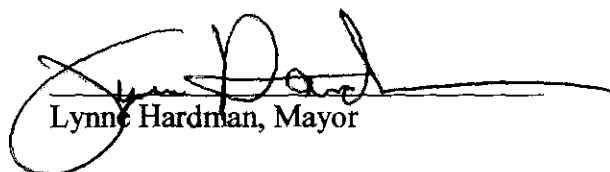
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ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to adjourn the special meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

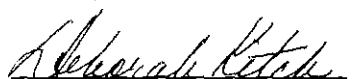
**AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby**

**NAYS: None**



Lynn Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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