MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING May 19, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, May 19, 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

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to adjourn to the community room at 6:02 p.m.

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MINUTES:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, May 5, 2003. **Motion declared carried**.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Commission meeting, May 15, 2003. **Motion declared carried**.

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

STREET RAILING GALENA CITY PARK:

Charlene Hightower addressed the commission to request a street railing be put on main street at the city park. Her grandparents Gene and Mattie Wilson, were killed in February, when their car went off the highway in a snowstorm. She stated there used to be a railing there and one might have prevented the fatal accident with her grandparents. She said she had contacted the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Highway Dept. about putting a railing back up, and they stated it would have to be implemented by the city manager. The city manager advised he would take care of the matter.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICT:

Gayla Spon addressed the commission on a neighboring conflict that had been going on for the last three years. She said she felt she was not getting police protection. Mayor Hardman advised the commission meeting was no place to resolve neighborhood quarrels.

BUMPER STICKERS:

Jay Foracker presented a box of bumper stickers reading "We support the Galena Police Department" to Chief Cameron Arthur. The stickers will be on sale to help support the DARE program. Mr. Foracker said he knows the police department has been receiving a lot of criticism but that he also knows they do a lot of good. Mayor Hardman replied she knew there was a lot of conflict with the police department right now, but she also knew they did good.

NEGATIVE NEWPAPER ARTICLES:

George Jackson, former commissioner, spoke concerning the negative newspaper articles, which have been published. He advised he had not signed any petition. He criticized the presence of the video camera at the previous meeting, filming the people attending. Shame on the commission for not stopping this when it happened he said. He requested the commission pick up all the film and prints and destroy them. He said no he demanded the commission to ask the city manager to pick up all the film and destroy it.

Commissioner Davies said he did not know the reason for the camera and was really not paying close attention to that, but this is how he personally felt that it was putting people on the spot when we come in and film them regardless of what they have to say and what side they are on. I do not think this should be done he stated..

He asked the police chief if he had invited the Sheriff and the County Attorney down for the last meeting. Chief Arthur stated he did not recall if he did. Commissioner Davies said he was told by the County Attorney that he had. It was also brought up that there maybe some meetings taken place was another reason she might come down and he said he takes that as reference to himself and Scott Donaldson because they had run an ad together. He advised he took the ad to the County Attorney and she said there was nothing wrong with the ad. He said he wanted to clarify this and that someone was trying to put this on his back and Commissioner Donaldson, that what they were doing was illegal and he resented it.

Mayor Hardman said for everyone's information the tape issue has been taken care of.
Commissioner Davies asked in what manner. She said she had already requested it be destroyed.
Commissioner Davies asked if she had the tapes yet. City Manager, Jack Murray said they would have very shortly.

Commissioner Donaldson brought before the commission a contract from the Joplin Humane Society for the city attorney and commission to look at and make a decision at a later date.

Commissioner Donaldson stated he believed the police chief did need a cell phone, but we also needed a cell phone policy.

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to pay \$60.00 a month on the police chief's cell phone. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: Shoemaker

JOPLIN HUMANE SOCIETY:

CELL PHONES:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel issues, City Attorney to remain. Motion declared carried.

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: None

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order after executive session at 7:00 p.m. in the community room with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT:

Commissioner Oglesby said he would like to put a motion on the floor in light of the fact that the city manager's contract expires in February that they began advertising for the position.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Shoemaker to advertise for the position of city manager to be filled at the end of Jack Murray's contract.

Motion declared carried.

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: None

TRANSFER OF MONIES:

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Davies to transfer 15,000.00 from the water fund to the general fund, and to pay 10,000.00 from the tort liability fund on the General Liability Insurance. **Motion declared carried.**

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

SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS:

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Oglesby to authorize up

to \$600.00 to purchase chemicals to get the pool ready for the summer. Motion declared carried.

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: None

SWIMMING POOL INCREASES:

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Oglesby to increase Swimming pool rates 12 and under from \$1.25 to \$1.50, 13 and older \$1.75 to \$2.00 and parties \$25.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour, with Swimming Pool hours to be from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion declared carried.

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

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Donaldson to increase Individual Season Passes from \$30.00 to \$50.00, Family Season Passes from \$55.00 to \$75.00. Motion declared carried.

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

NAYS: None

Lynne Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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