

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MAY 20, 2002

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, May 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the commission chambers with Commissioner George Jackson presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners **present:** JACKSON; DAVIES; HARDMAN **absent:** LATURNER; OGLESBY.

MINUTES:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Hardman to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, May 6, 2002. **(with the minutes amended to reflect branch clean out at 17th & Lincoln not Wood St.). Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Hardman to place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting, May 9, 2002. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Davies; Hardman; Jackson

NAYS: 0

CDBG GRANT
CLOSEOUT:

Sandy Erbe with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission stated she was here on behalf of the Community Block Grant that the city received for the lagoon project. Requirement of the grant is to hold a close out hearing. She asked if there was any questions or concerns on the grant. Commissioner Jackson stated the city manager had checked out the project and everything was working as it was suppose to. She stated she would leave the final drawdown for final payment to SEKRPC, the contractor and the engineer. She would also leave final form for the mayor's signature to be sent to the state for final closeout, with the city receiving formal notice from the state of the grant being closed. She advised the city would be eligible to apply for another grant at that time.

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MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER
CONTRACT:

City Manager Jack Murray stated the commission had voted at the last meeting to accept the contract with Missouri American Water pending settling of a couple of issues. He stated the city attorney and himself had reviewed it, and Missouri American Water had submitted a new contract which took care of the Wholesale Water Supply problem, which was the only problem the city had in it.

Commissioner Hardman asked when we took this on, was there not a discussion of not raising rates. City Manager, Jack Murray stated rate increases needed to be addressed by the commission, and he didn't think the governing body had ever made a statement that there would be no more water rate increases.

Commissioner Hardman stated that was not what she said, she had said they had discussed not raising water rates right away.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Hardman to pass Resolution 02-01 to sign contract with Missouri American Water. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Davies; Hardman; Jackson
NAYS: 0

ROOSEVELT CENTER:

City manager, Jack Murray stated that Dr. Christman, school superintendent had approached him about the Roosevelt Center, formerly Roosevelt School. The school district still owns the property but has no foreseeable use for it. The Roosevelt Center membership has dwindled substantially and the current members feel they can no longer continue upkeep and activities to support it. The city manager stated the building is in good shape and would be an asset to the city. He stated Dr. Christman said the school board would deed the property to the city if the commission was interested in it, otherwise they will probably demolition the building, clear the site and sale it. City manager, Jack Murray advised the building could be used as office space and storm

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shelters. He advised the commission he would notify Dr. Christman at the school to let him know the city is interested in the property. Tabled until next meeting with the city manager to check with the insurance company on liability insurance.

MOWER:

City Manager, Jack Murray informed the commission that one of the cemetery mowers had blown an engine. Quote for a new engine was \$830.40. The lawn mower is 5 years old. The city superintendent had checked prices with a new mower from R & W quoted at \$2132.99.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Hardman to purchase a new mower, money being available.
Motion declared carried.

AYES: Davies; Hardman; Jackson
NAYS: 0

CONDENTAIIONS:

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Davies to pass Resolution 02-02 setting June 3rd as public hearing date for condemnation at 1201 Madison. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Davies; Hardman; Jackson
NAYS: 0

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Davies to pass Resolution 02-03 setting June 3rd as public hearing date for condemnation at 1711 Main. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Davies; Hardman; Jackson
NAYS: 0

APPPR# 02-05:

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Davies to approve Appropriation Ordinance 02-05 in the amount of \$66,305.33. **Motion declared carried.**

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**SALARY INCREASE/
INSURANCE PREMIUMS:**

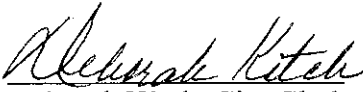
City Manager, Jack Murray told the commission that he had given them at the last meeting a suggestion on pay increases and would like to hold that off for now because group health insurance is taking a 50% increase in rates. He has put bids out

ADJOURNMENT:

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

George Jackson, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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