

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
May 5, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, May 5, 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 Shoemaker to adjourn to the community room at 6:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, May 5, 2003, at 6:05 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

MINUTES:

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, April 21, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Commission meeting, April 23, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the Special Commission meeting, April 30, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Shoemaker to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. Meeting April 24, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

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

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SERGEANT TROY NEWMAN:

Sergeant Newman addressed the commission and public by reading a letter by him regarding the concerns of his position as a police officer.

STATEMENT/COMMISSIONER
DAVIES:

After reading the article in the newspaper Saturday and to alleviate any misunderstanding that may exist with this governing body and the citizens of Galena, he would like to state that none of the commissioners speaks for him and neither does he speak for them. He stated this commission at times will not agree with each other on decisions made, but will still be able to work with each other in an agreeable manner, as they have always done in the past. We were elected to this office by the citizens of Galena and would be negligent in our duties if we did not listen to the people.

FINANCES:

Commissioner Davies stated he would like to talk about the officers going to the police academy. Their tuition is paid, they are paid a regular salary, and mileage back and forth. Also they have been getting expense money. He said he did not feel we should give them money to spend if their wages are paid, room is taken care of and we pay mileage back and forth.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to cease giving expense money, since we are in a tight financial condition. **Motion declared carried.**

CELL PHONE BILL
POLICE DEPT.:

Commissioner Shoemaker stated the cell phone bill for the Police Dept. was outrageous. Commissioner Shoemaker stated many of the calls were to Nebraska and Iowa. Chief Arthur said he would be more than happy to look through any calls with Mr. Shoemaker if he would ever come and ask him about them. He

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stated many of those calls are to other chiefs and police agencies that he consults with on a regular basis. He does not intend to use the cell phone for personal use at all. He said there could be personal calls that come in to him. He advised he had no problem paying for his own phone.

Moved by Shoemaker to cut the expenses of the cell phone.

Chief Arthur stated he would alleviate the problem and get his own cell phone and turn his in tomorrow.

Mayor Hardman asked for a second of the motion.

Commissioner Davies stated he thought it was null and void if the Chief was taking care of the situation himself. **Motion died for lack of second.**

PETITION:

Wilma Vaughn presented a petition which she stated contained names asking the city manager and commission to ask for the resignation of the Chief of Police because of the way he has been conducting himself.

Commissioner Davies asked how many names she had on there. She replied over 400.

The Chief of Police asked Commissioner Shoemaker if he had anything to do with the petition. He stated no.

The Chief of Police said he felt this was a personal vendetta by Mr. Bob Shryock and a few others. Mr. Shryock said his opinion of the police dept. had no connection to the arrest and conviction of his son.

The attending citizens voiced their opinion pro and con.

POLICE CARS:

Discussion was held on reinstating police cars to be taken home with officers. Commissioner Oglesby stated he had originally voted against the cars being

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taken away, so he would put a motion on the floor to reinstate for Sergeant Webb and Sergeant Newman to take their police cars home.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Hardman to reinstate the two cars to Officer Webb and Officer Newman to take their cars home with them to be used for business only. **Motion declared carried.**

Commissioner Oglesby requested a roll call vote:

Hardman: AYE; Donaldson: AYE; Shoemaker: AYE; Davies: AYE; Oglesby: AYE

Commissioner Donaldson commented, this should be the scene every single meeting. What you did here to night is what should be done at every meeting. You came and voiced your opposition and got what you wanted.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Commissioner Davies suggested if we had a monthly executive session with the Department heads it would alleviate a lot of problems and rumors.

Motion made by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to have monthly meetings with the department heads. **Motion declared carried.**

Commissioner Oglesby agreed it is a good ideal to meet, but it could not be in executive session, it would have to be in open session.

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

EMERGENCY SHELTERS:

A concerned citizen asked about someone opening the Elks Club during storms.

Chief Arthur, stated he would take care of that. He was out during the storms and keys needed to be left at the police dept. and fire dept. to the shelters in town so they could unlock them if need to.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel issues, **with the city manager and city attorney to remain.**

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

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:05 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order after executive session at 7:35 p.m. in the community room with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding **with no action taken.**

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners **present:** Hardman, Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies, Oglesby

SPENDING ORDINANCE:

City Manager, Jack Murray presented an ordinance changing the spending from \$1200.00 to \$300.00. The ordinance was stated anything over \$300.00 would have to be put out for bids.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Davies to table until the city attorney makes changes to the ordinance. **Motion declared carried.**

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

MONOFILL CLOSURE
ORDINANCE:#03-02

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and pass ordinance# 03-02 allocating monies paid to the city to be put in a separate fund for closure of the tire monofill. **Motion declared carried.**

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

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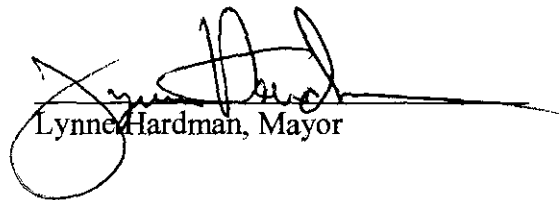
HILLCREST CEMETERY ROAD:

Mayor Hardman stated she had received a letter on the ditch being dangerous. The city manager stated he and the city superintendent was working on filling it in and running paving down it so the water could run down the paving.

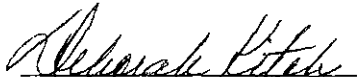
ADJOURNMENT:

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

(SEAL)