

MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2002

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, June 17, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the commission chambers with Mayor Protem Dale Oglesby presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, June 3, 2002. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, April 22, 2002. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, May 21, 2002. **Motion declared carried.**

Motion made by Oglesby, seconded by Davies to place on file the minutes of the Galena Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, June 13, 2002. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Davies, Hardman**  
**NAYS: 0**

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Dale Oglesby, gave an overview of the water committee meeting held June 9, 2002, with Mel Mittag, Sonny Webster, Bill Shoemaker, Dale Oglesby, and Gregg Weeks representing American Water. Two major topics were covered. Topic number one was the malfunctioning of a pressure regulator or flow regulator. Instead of pumping 200 gallons a minute, American Water was pumping 700 gallons a minute

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through the system causing an 8-inch main to bust. The problem was corrected the same day.

City Manger, Jack Murray stated he had spoke to American Water about changing our system over to Chlormines sanitizing instead of free chlorine. The only thing that would be necessary is the addition of a chemical solution feed pump and a drum of liquid ammonia. He stated American Water was working on drawings and would get back to him.

Topic number two was what it was going to take to maintain and increase the effectiveness of the water system. He stated in years past basic pumping chlorine costs was thirty-five cents per thousand. Our basic cost to purchase water is going to be about eighty-nine cents per thousand. The committee felt the best increase to take is a net gallon increase to support the system. The committee recommended and increase of \$1.00 per thousand, which would increase the average low user water bill by \$1.33 cents per month, average family by \$4.28 cents, and the high users an average of \$11.28 cents per month.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Davies to accept the water committee report and institute the recommended rate increase effective **July 1, 2002 billing cycle. Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Davies, Hardman**

**NAYS: 0**

JAIL MEETING:

City Manager, Jack Murray advised there would be a jail meeting at city hall June 18<sup>th</sup> . He was asked by County Commissioner Pat Collins to hold a joint meeting between county jail people and the city jail people, so they could let people know they were two groups that were not in competition with each other. He stated everyone interested was invited to attend.

SKATE BOARD PARK:

City Manager, Jack Murray advised they had located from American Ramp Co. out of Joplin a used set of

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ramps for a skate park, normally bought new would be in the neighborhood of \$26,000 to \$27,000. This ramp could be picked up, painted, moved and set up on one of our tennis courts for \$10,368.00.

Commission felt liability issues needed to be answered and find out how other cities ran their parks.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Hardman to table until more information is obtained. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Davies, Hardman**  
**NAYS: 0**

**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

City Manager, Jack Murray stated he had previously reported to the commission the increase in health insurance. He advised after comparison with other health insurance companies, he felt Blue Cross/Blue Shield our current health insurance provider was the best value.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Jackson to support the work done on insurance and maintain our insurance coverage as we have it. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Davies, Hardman**  
**NAYS: 0**

**ROOSEVELT CENTER:**

City Manager, Jack Murray stated the commission had indicated interest in accepting Roosevelt Center from the school. He announced the school board had chosen to turn it over to the city, with the city responsible for title transfer. He advised he would like to table this until he got the insurance quotes and would like to take the city attorney and the code enforcement officer to check out the building before they make up their mind to accept or not accept the building.

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LANDFILL OPERATOR  
COMPENSATION:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated since Phil Burkybile had retired Gordon Smith had been running the landfill, but we were continuing paying him from the sewer fund. Gordon's pay as sewer leadman was \$8.82 per hour and he was presenting a resolution to the commission establishing the position of landfill operator at \$8.82 per hour.

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Davies to adopt resolution 02-04 for compensation of landfill operator. **Motion declared carried.**

**AYES: Jackson, Davies, Hardman**  
**NAYS: 0**

GALENA PARK'S & RECREATION  
COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Davies complimented the committee on the fine job they were doing.

Linda Phipps asked the commission what steps need to be taken on recommendations the committee has.

Mayor protem, Dale Oglesby advised the first step would be to go to the city manager and if it exceeds his authority then he will bring it before the commission.

CITY CLEAN UP:

Bill Hignite addressed the commission on a letter he received from the city on removal of old vehicles within 30 days from his place of business. He questioned how long a vehicle could set before it was considered a nuisance. He also questioned about the junk vehicles and how long they set in the impound lot. Chief Arthur advised him that there were state rules and regulations that governed the cars in the impound lots.

City Attorney, Doug Steele advised Mr. Hignite to discuss his questions with the code enforcement officer, Mike Smith and that he would be available to meet with Mr. Hignite

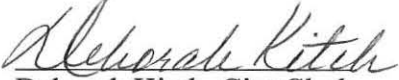
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ADJOURNMENT:

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

  
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Mayor Protem, Dale Oglesby

ATTEST:

  
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Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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