

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
July 7, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on **Monday, July 7, 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, July 7, 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 Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting, June 16, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning meeting, June 23, 2003. **Motion declared carried. (minutes rescinded)**

Moved by Davies, seconded by Donaldson to approve and place on file the minutes of the Galena Fire Dept. meeting, June 26, 2003. **Motion declared carried.**

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

SEPARATE METERS
LAKEVIEW TRAILER
PARK:

Commissioner Davies stated individual meters are being put in at Lakeview trailer Park. He questioned who had authorized this. City Superintendent Sonny Webster stated the

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commission had and he would have to check on the minutes to see when it was done.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to table until the next meeting to see who gave authorization for the meters. **Motion declared carried.**

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

WEB SITE FOR CITY:

Commissioner Shoemaker stated he had spoke to 3 different people about creating a web site for the city. Two of the people wanted between \$200.00 and 600.00. He had spoke with Tabitha Nolan and she said she would put a web site in for a family season pass at the swimming pool and the city provide lunch for her. He stated anyone that had ideals on the web site to give him a call.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Oglesby for Tabitha Nolan to create a web site for the city. **Motion declared carried.**

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

**MAYOR/COUNCIL FORM
OF GOVERNMENT:**

Don Hignite addressed the commission stating since the city was in financial need why don't they go back to the old form of government.

Commissioner Oglesby stated he felt the city had accomplished a lot in the last few years and the city had always been in a crunch as long as he had known about Galena.

**RESOLUTION TO PETITION
TO REMOVE CHIEF ARTHUR:**

Walter Bradshaw spoke concerning resolution to the petition to remove Chief Arthur. Mayor Hardman stated she could not speak for the other commissioners, but she was working on a resolution to the problem. He said he thought

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he had a way to solve the problem. Randomly chose 25 people from the petition and 25 people that want to keep the chief and form a board. That way no one could claim bias on the part of the commission.

Commissioner Oglesby stated he would like to thank Mr. Bradshaw it was the best discourse since this had all started and stated it was a good ideal.

SPENDING ORDINANCE:

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to approve and pass Ordinance# 03-04 an ordinance lowering the spending limit. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies

NAYS: Oglesby

MEDICAL INSURANCE:

City Manager, Jack Murray said he had spent a lot of time trying to save some money on Insurance. He noted our current carrier Blue Cross and Blue Shield is currently \$289.04 per employee and will increase 37%. He said his best quote is from American Medical which is almost the same coverage as Blue Cross at a cost of \$272.02. He stated he had quotes from 6 different insurance companies and American Medical was the best quote. He stated it was under Don Grassel Insurance out of Chanute.

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Oglesby to go with American Medical Insurance as the new insurance for the city at a cost of \$272.02 per employee per month. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies Oglesby

NAYS: None

JUNK POLICE CARS:

City Manager Jack Murray stated we had talked with Kenny Shelton about buying two junk police cars for \$1.00 a piece and the city attorney suggested we get a reasonable value on the vehicles. He stated he had received two bids for salvage on the vehicle. Sixty-six Truck

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salvage and Tri-State Auto Salvage. Both bids were \$75.00 for the pair.

Kenny Shelton said the vehicles would be used in the DARE program to help kids.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to sell both cars to Kenny Shelton for \$76.00 for the pair. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies Oglesby

NAYS: None

ANIMAL POUND FEES:

City Manager, Jack Murray said the recent contract with the Joplin Humane Society they are paying \$15.00 per animal to take the animals. He said our current pick-up fee for at large animals returned to owners is \$10.00. If we pick one up and pay the Joplin Humane Society \$15.00 they go over and pick the animal up and come back and pay the city \$10.00 we have lost \$5.00. He said we need to look at increasing our pound fees. He noted he would table this until he had a chance to talk to the attorney.

STREETLIGHTS:

City Manager Jack Murray said Kenny Shepard that has King's addition has approached him about street lights on 19th Street and in his addition. This would be adding 2 lights and moving 1 light. He said the cost to the city would be \$ 180.40 per year.

Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Oglesby to accept moving a streetlight and adding two streetlights on E. 19th St. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies Oglesby

NAYS: None

POOL PASSES TO EMPLOYEES:

City Manager stated it had been discussed with the auditor and he advised against it.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

City Manager, Jack Murray stated that our sales tax was not received until June 30th so deposit date would be July. Because of the lateness of the 23,000.00 sales tax we would need to transfer money. He said he had spoke with Matt Mense the auditor and he suggested the commission look at a month to month basis on transfers and see were we are at. He noted they would have to do a **budget amendment on water because of the purchase of Missouri American Water**. He suggested they transfer \$20,000.00 from Water, \$5,000.00 from landfill, and \$5,000.00 from Solid Waste and this would leave a cushion for July.

Commissioner Davies asked if we had hot checks for payroll if we did not transfer the money. City Manager said not hot checks, but we didn't have it in the general fund. Citizen Bill Shoemaker stated a lot of the citizens in the community would be willing to work with the city in what way they could on bringing some economic development to the city.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Donaldson to transfer \$20,000.00 from the water, \$5,000.00 from landfill and \$5,000.00 from Solid Waste. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Donaldson, Shoemaker, Davies Oglesby
NAYS: None

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD:

Mayor Hardman commented on her proposal to establish a police advisory board to act as a go-between for the police department and the general public. She stated she had material from other cities for the commission to look at.

Moved by Davies, seconded by Shoemaker to table until the commission had a chance to read the material. **Motion declared carried.**

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

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LANDFILL:

Mayor Hardman questioned the closing of the landfill on Saturdays when many residents that was there only time off. City Superintendent Sonny Webster stated the landfill is open all day the first Saturday of the month. City Manager Jack Murray said it was not economical to open it every Saturday of the month.

CONTRACT:

Commissioner Shoemaker said been brought to his attention, it has been brought to the commission's attention that the city has a lot of problems, something's were left out of the budget such as the fire truck payment, and cash flow problems, we are in desperate times and desperate times call for desperate measures and changes have to be.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to terminate the city managers contract as of now pay him a month's wages and his accumulated vacation.

Commissioner Davies asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Donaldson asked if Jack would like to say anything. He stated he did not want to answer to it.

Commissioner Oglesby said he thought the commission was looking for a scapegoat and by treating people unfairly as they are attempting to do now he promises that you will reap what you sow.

Mayor Hardman said she believes if the city attorney was here he would probably tell you that you are leaving yourselves wide open for a lawsuit.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: HARDMAN – NO
DONALDSON – YES**

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DAVIES- YES
SHOEMAKER – YES
OGLESBY - NO
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Hardman stated vote is 3 to 2 to remove the city manager.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Davies to put Debbie Kitch in as interim city manager.
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Hardman asked her if this is what she wanted to do. She replied no it is not- I have did it twice before and it is very hard to keep my work current, but would do what the commission wanted, but only for a short period of time.

Roll Call Vote requested by Mayor Hardman
ROLL CALL VOTE: HARDMAN – NO
DONALDSON – YES
DAVIES- YES
SHOEMAKER – YES
OGLESBY – YES
Motion declared carried.

Commissioner Oglesby stated he regretted the city could not honor a contract that they enter into with somebody.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Hardman, seconded by Donaldson to go into executive session for 15 minutes for personnel issues, with the interim city manager, police chief, and patrolman Garry Abram.

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

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order after executive session at 7:45 p.m. in the community room with Mayor Lynne Hardman presiding **with no action taken.**

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ROLL CALL:

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

PLANNING & ZONING MINUTES:

Mayor Hardman stated it had been brought to her attention that when they approved the planning & zoning minutes of 6-23-03 that they did not have a quorum so the minutes needed to be rescinded.

Moved by Oglesby, seconded by Donaldson to rescind the Planning & Zoning minutes of 6-23-03. **Motion declared carried.**

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

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

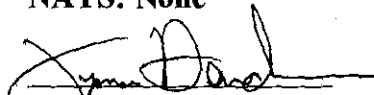
Moved by Donaldson, seconded by Davies to appoint George Jackson and Brent Reeves to the Planning & Zoning Committee. **Motion declared carried.**

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

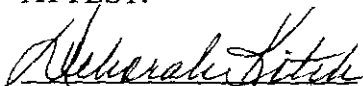
ADJOURNMENT:

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

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


Lynne Hardman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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