

PUBLIC HEARING.....WARD REAPPORTIONMENT.....MARCH 25, 1975.....

NUMBER PRESENT: APPROXIMATELY 39 WITH 6 COUNCILMAN AND THE MAYOR.

MAYOR JACK MURRAY DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 7:00 P.M. WITH ENOUGH COUNCILMEN PRESENT TO FORM A QUORUM. THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING BY READING KSA 14-103 AND GIVING THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN EACH WARD AS HE HAD DONE AT THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 18, 1975. THIS PROBLEM OF WARD REAPPORTIONMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, AND THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO GET THE OPINIONS AND FEELINGS OF THE CITIZENS OF GALENA, SO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE CALLED. TONIGHT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THOSE IN FAVOR OF CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES AND THOSE OPPOSED TO A CHANGE.

IN FAVOR OF: AND WHY.

1. BILL WATKINS.....EQUAL REPRESENTATION
2. FRANK TACKETT....." "
3. FRANCIS LANDIS....." "
4. SAM LANDIS....." "
5. MILLIE HENDERSON " "
6. ARLENE WITT....." "
7. LAWRENCE MORFORD.." "
8. BILL MURRAY....." "
9. PAUL AVICOLA....." "
10. HILDA PRICINO....." "
11. HERMAN KEYSER....." "
12. JAMES JOHNSTON..." "
13. DEWAYNE WITT....." "

OPPOSED TO AND WHY:

1. GEORGE TERRILL.....HOME RULE
2. BUD PIERCEFIELD....." "
3. MILDRED TERRILL....." "
4. WAYNE GIRTON....." "
5. RANDY PIERCEFIELD..." "
6. EDITH BANNING....." "
7. IRENE COLE....." "
8. DELLA BYNUM....." "
9. HELEN CLIFFORD....." "
10. BONNIE PIERCEFIELD.." "
11. GEORGIA VAUGHN....." "
12. DEBBIE PIERCEFIELD.." "
13. GLADYS BAILEY....." "
14. GRACE MAST....." "
15. GEORGE HANSBRAUGH..." "

THE MAYOR THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING TONIGHT. HE STATED THAT IN THE PAST THERE HAD BEEN VERY LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN BY THE CITIZENS OF GALENA AND HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY OUT TONIGHT.

OPENED FOR QUESTION AND DISCUSSIONS:

MR. TERRILL: AS I UNDERSTAND THIS IT TAKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY TO SET THIS UP FOR CHANGING THESE WARDS. I HAVE HEARD THAT IT WOULD COST \$20,000. AND IF THIS IS THE CASE WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY.

MAYOR: THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN THE LIMITS WOULD HAVE TO BE RECORDED ON A MAP. THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVIDED INTO WARDS WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE, WITH VOTING PLACES IN EACH OF THE WARDS. THE COST WOULD BE TIME AND EXPENSE SPENT IN RECORDING THE VOTERS, MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS AND THE POSSIBLE OF A SURVEY. PROBABLY WE COULD GET BY WITH USING STREET OR ALLEY WAY AS THE BOUNDARIES. IF THE ISSUE IS PUT TO THE PEOPLE TO VOTE IT WOULD COST TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT.

MR. WATKINS: SINCE THE STATE REQUIRES THIS DOES THE STATE HAVE FUNDS TO HELP WITH THE COST OF CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES. WILL THE STATE BE ASKED ABOUT THIS?

MR. GIRTON: WHY THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE. DON'T SEE ANY POINT IN IT.

MR. LANDIS: DIDN'T LIKE THE REMARKS MR. TERRILL MADE ABOUT LOW INCOME PEOPLE AND PEOPLE ON SOCIAL SECURITY.

MR. KEYSER: CAN GET ALONG WITH THE HOME RULE AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE STATE LAWS.

MRS. PRICINO: CAN'T WE USE THE C.D.B.G. MONEY FOR THIS CHANGE.

MAYOR: EXPLAINED ABOUT THE \$509,000 C.D.B.G. MONIES AND THAT THE APPLICATION HAD BEEN MADE FOR WATER TOWER AND MORE WATER LINES.

AT THIS TIME COUNCILMAN BOGLE AND BANKSON QUESTIONED THE GLOBE REPORTER AS TO WHO STARTED THE WHOLE THING ON THIS WARD REAPPORTIONMENT.

MR. WATKINS: IF THE COUNCIL VOTED TO NOT REAPPORTION THE WARDS WOULD THE CITY LOSE ANY MONEY IN THE FUTURE. MAYOR SAID HE DIDN'T THINK SO.

MRS. WITT: WHY CAN'T THE LARGER WARDS HAVE MORE COUNCILMAN.

MR. PIERCEFIELD: THATS WHY WE HAVE ELECTIONS .....TO ELECT THE COUNCILMEN THAT WILL BEST REPRESENT AND WORK FOR HIS WARD.

MRS. COLE: WHY WASN'T ALL THIS INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE NEWS MEDIA AS TO COST, ETC. MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE.

MR. TERRILL: WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SURVAYED. I WOULD BET MY HOUSE THAT I COULD COME UP WITH EQUAL DIVISION OF TOWN.

MAYOR: STATED THAT HE OPEN REMARKS WOULD EXPLAIN THIS.

MRS. HATFIELD: ISN'T THE CITY OPERATING ON NO-FUND WARRANTS NOW. THE CITY HAS NO MONEY. DOESN'T FEEL THAT TAXES SHOULD BE RAISED.

PUBLIC WANTED TO HEAR FROM THE COUNCILMAN AS TO HOW THEY FELT.

JIM LATURNER, FOURTH WARD: IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGE. HE HAD SPENT A LOT OF HIS OWN TIME AT COLUMBUS GOING OVER THE WARDS AND HAD MADE UP SOME BOUNDARIES THAT WOULD EQUALIZE THE VOTERS. THIS WOULD NOT COST THE CITIZENS ANYTHING OTHER THAN PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE.

JIM BANKSON, THIRD WARD: OPPOSED TO IT. HOME RULE

ROBERT BOGLE, FIFTH WARD: OPPOSED TO IT. NO ONE INTERESTED OR THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE. HOME RULE.

MARVIN KAEHLER, THIRD WARD: UNDECIDED. GETS COMPLAINTS FROM OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT THE UNEQUAL REPRESENTATION.

MARION DAVIES, SECOND WARD: UNDECIDED. WOULD HATE TO SEE THE PEOPLE TAXED, YET FEELS THAT EQUAL REPRESENTATION IS NEEDED. BEFORE HE MADE UP HIS MIND HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE TOTAL COST. NO ONE COUNCILMAN CAN MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT THE OTHER NINE VOTES. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT PUT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO VOTE.

GEORGE HANSBRAUGH, FIRST WARD: OPPOSED TO IT. OPERATED FOR 89 YEARS THIS WAY. WILL VOTE AGAINST A CHANGE EVERY TIME IT COMES UP.

MR. WATKINS: 89 YEARS AGO WAS THE POPULATION MORE EQUAL THEN. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT PUT ON THE BALLOT. IT WOULD BE NEXT YEAR BEFORE IT COULD BE VOTED ON.

SOME PERSON, DIDN'T GET THE NAME WANTED TO KNOW WHY ALL THIS WASN'T IN THE PAPER AND WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE 40,000 WAS SPENT. NOT ON THE STREETS. ONLY A FEW STREETS WERE PAVED AND WHEN HE REACHES LEGAL AGE HE WANTS TO RUN FOR MAYOR OR COUNCIL SO HE CAN GET HIS STREET PAVED.

MR. KAEHLER: STATED THAT ONLY DEWEY STREET WAS APPROVED THROUGH COUNCIL FOR PAVING. THE OTHERS WERE DONE SOMEOTHER WAY.

MR. TACKETT: FEEL THAT SOONER OR LATER THE CITY WILL COMPLY TO A CHANGE BECAUSE IT WILL AFFECT THE FUNDING THAT THE CITY RECEIVES.

MR. KEYSER: FEELS THAT THE WATER SITUATION THAT CAME UP A FEW YEARS AGO IS A GOOD EXAMPLE, BECAUSE THE CITY WOULD NOT FLUORIDATE THE WATER, BUT IN TIME THE STATE LAW REQUIRED IT AND THE CITY COMPLIED TO IT. COST SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS THEN.

MAYOR: ALL IN FAVOR OF PLACING IT ON THE BALLOT. 23  
ALL OPPOSED 12

16 IN FAVOR OF REAPPORTIONMENT.  
16 OPPOSED TO IT.

MAYOR: I WILL INSTRUCT COUNCIL TONIGHT TO TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT THE ISSUE OF EACH QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN ASKED TONIGHT AND TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHICH WAY THE CITY SHOULD GO AS SOON AFTER THE ELECTION AS POSSIBLE.

MAYOR CALLED THE MEETING CLOSED.

  
JACK N. MURRAY, MAYOR

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MARY ANN LITTLE, CITY CLERK