

MINUTES OF
GALENA CITY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
SUNDAY APRIL 27, 1997

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Galena city commissioners was called to order on Sunday April 23, 1997 at 3:00 P.M. in the commissioners chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER, COLEMAN, SHALLENBURGER.

LAGOON PROBLEMS:

Mel Mittag advised the lagoons were full and needed to be dredged. He advised they were running the diesel pump to aerate the water to try and prevent the smell. Mr. Mittag advised they had some pumps left from the old lift station, three phase wire running to the lagoon and a meter base, and could get these going and recirculate the water in the front two ponds.

Jack Murray updated the new commissioners on the Water and Sewer Grants and loans.

Moved by Coleman seconded by Shallenburger to allow \$1500.00 for the lagoon aeration system. Motion declared carried.

SPRING RIVER WHOLESale
WATER DIST.:

Mr. George Jackson advised he attended the April 19, 1997 meeting of the Spring River Wholesale Water Dist. At the meeting they passed out a form which gave three options of what they had planned. He advised this was a forty year plan not something that would happen right now. He advised Baxter Springs, KS would like to get the whole grant and furnish us with water. The second option would be to buy the old Jayhawk water treatment plant. The third option would be for Galena, Columbus and the Rural Water Dist to set up their own system. This would be top water out of Spring River which would be soft water. He noted Baxter Springs would probably supply us with a mixture of well water and river water. He advised he questioned why they were considering the Jayhawk

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option since it was built around 1942 and had not been updated.

Mr. Jackson said he felt the opinion of most of the people at the meeting was to try to establish a new water Dist.

Mr Jackson noted going with Baxter Springs they could raise the rates and also they were committed for forty years but after that time there was no committment on their part.

Mayor LaTurner questioned do we need to committ, how much of a lack of water in the future will we have.

Mr Jack Murray advised it was impossible to know how long our water was going to last.

Mayor LaTurner questioned how much money we were going to commit the city to. He advised they need to collect more information before committing.

WATER RATE INCREASE:

Moved by Coleman seconded by LaTurner to set aside in separate fund the \$3.50 increase being charged to customers for the water improvement project. Motion declared carried.

CITY MANAGER:

Pat Collins spoke to commissioners about bringing down a Dean from Wichita State University to assist an advise in the hiring of a city manager.

Mayor LaTurner suggested setting up a committee to interview applicants and make recommendation back to the commissioners.

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to set up a committe for the interviewing of City Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters, with commission to reconvene at 4:40 P.M. Motion declared carried.

MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor LaTurner called meeting back to order at 4:40 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by LaTurner, seconded by Coleman to go back into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Motion declared carried

MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor LaTurner called meeting back to order at 5:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Shallenburger, seconded by

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LaTurner to go back into executive session for 15 minutes with the commissioners, city clerk and police chief remaining in meeting for personnel matters.

MEETING RECONVENED:

Mayor LaTurner called meeting back to order at 5:15 P.M.

YARD REMEDIATION:

Clyde Coleman informed commissioners that EPA was planning on yard remediation on 280 to 300 yards with project beginning within a couple weeks. Water will be taken from fire hydrants and metered and charged according to past policy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by LaTurner seconded by Shallenburger to adjourn the special meeting. Motion declared carried.



Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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