

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 5-17-79

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GALENA MET IN SPECIAL SESSION WITH MAYOR L.G. WILLIAMS, PRESIDING. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE; KELLEY, DAVIES, SMITH, CURE, HOPKINS, HAYES, FAULKNER, HALL AND PIERCEFIELD. COUNCILMAN BAILEY WAS NOT PRESENT.

MAYOR WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONSIDER THE RESIGNATIONS OF CITY CLERK JUANITA SCOTT, AND JO ANN EILAND, ASSISTANT CLERK. ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED WAS THE HANDLING OF AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT OFFICE.

MAYOR WILLIAMS READ THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. SCOTT. COUNCILMAN DAVIES REQUESTED A STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR ON MRS. SCOTT'S ASSERTION THAT HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY HAD BEEN THREATENED BY HER UNWILLINGNESS TO PERFORM CERTAIN ACTS WHICH WERE QUESTIONABLE AS TO LEGALITY. WILLIAMS RESPONDED THAT ALL REMARKS TO THE CITY CLERK WERE MADE ONLY AFTER SEEKING LEGAL COUNSEL. HIS ONLY INSTRUCTIONS TO HER WERE TO KEEP THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK RUN IN A BUSINESS LIKE MANNER.

COUNCILMAN PIERCEFIELD MOVED THAT MRS. SCOTT'S RESIGNATION BE ACCEPTED. COUNCILMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

THE MAYOR READ THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. EILAND. PIERCEFIELD MOVED THAT THE RESIGNATION BE ACCEPTED. COUNCILWOMAN FAULKNER, SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED. COUNCILMAN DAVIES REQUESTED COMMENT ON MRS. EILAND'S ACCUSATION OF POLITICAL HARASSMENT. WILLIAMS RESPONDED WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT NO HARASSMENT WAS MADE AND THAT AT NO TIME DID EITHER OF THE LADIES ACCUSE HIM OF PERSONAL HARASSMENT.

THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT MRS. NORMA LUTZ HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO ASSIST IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. MISS. IDELLA VANDERPOOL HAD BEEN ASKED TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF ACTING CITY CLERK. COUNCILMAN PIERCEFIELD MADE MOTION THAT THE APPOINTMENTS BE APPROVED. CURE SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH DAVIES AND HOPKINS ABSTAINING.

THE MAYOR AGREED WITH THE REQUEST FOR AN AUDIT, AS SUGGESTED IN THE RESIGNATIONS OF SCOTT AND EILAND, SUGGESTING THE BOOKS OF BOTH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND THAT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, BE AUDITED. POST DATED CHECKS, MISSING CHECK STUBS, AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOME DEPOSITS AND MISSING CHECKS, WERE GIVEN AS REASONS FOR REQUESTING THE AUDIT. RAY RANDALL, NEWLY APPOINTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, CONFIRMED THAT BANK STATEMENTS FROM 2-12-79, TO 3-12-79, WERE MISSING. A DEPOSIT OF \$10,000.00, MADE 4-10-79, AS SHOWN ON THE BANK STATEMENT, WAS NOT SHOWN ON THE CHECK BOOK. BANK STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FROM PRIOR YEARS (EXCEPT 1974) ARE ALSO MISSING FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT OFFICE.

COUNCILMAN DAVIES QUESTIONED RANDALL AS TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS FOR HANDLING THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT PROGRAM. RANDALL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN A TAX CONSULTANT, SELF EMPLOYED BOOKKEEPER, COMPTROLLER AND ACCOUNTANT. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE GAVE A CALIFORNIA FIRM, L. MILTON KING, CONSULTANTS, AS THE SOURCE OF HIS TRAINING.

COUNCILMAN SMITH MOVED THAT AN AUDIT BE MADE, OF BOTH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT OFFICE AND THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. DAVIES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

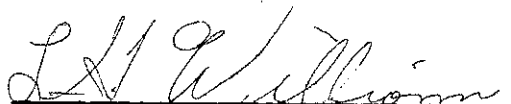
IN ORDER TO SECURE FUNDS FROM HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MAYOR WILLIAMS REQUESTED A RESOLUTION, ALLOWING WILLIAMS TO SIGN FOR THE HUD FUNDS. MOTION WAS MADE BY PIERCEFIELD, THAT HUD BE NOTIFIED OF THE NEED TO ACCEPT THE SIGNATURE OF MAYOR L.G. WILLIAMS, ON FUTURE CONTRACTS WITH THAT OFFICE. COUNCILMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH HOPKINS AND DAVIES ABSTAINING.

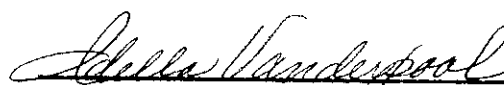
THE MAYOR ASKED THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN ALLOWING JOB APPLICATIONS TO BE SEEN BY NO ONE, OTHER THAN THOSE IN AUTHORITY. CITY ATTORNEY ROWE, APPROVED THIS REQUEST.

COUNCILMAN DAVIES ASKED TO SEE THE JOB APPLICATION OF MRS RANDALL.
APPLICATION FORMS OF TWO APPLICANTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR,
RAY RANDALL AND LINDA FANCHER, WERE SHOWN TO THE COUNCILMAN.

PIERCEFIELD MOVED THAT MATT MENSE, JOPLIN AUDITOR, BE EMPLOYED TO AUDIT
THE CITY BOOKS. SMITH SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ON MOTION OF SMITH, SECONDED BY PIERCEFIELD, THE COUNSEL ADJOURNED.


L. G. Williams, Mayor


Idella Vanderpool,
Acting City Clerk