

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 1988

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Galena was called to order Monday, June 13, 1988 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll Call indicated the following Council Members present: Polema, Hayes, Little, King, Stephenson, Tipton, & Jenkins
Absent: Qualls, Byrd, & Fitzer

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
RESIGNATION:

Mayor Allen read the resignation of Roy Watkins, Jr. as Animal Control Officer.

Fitzer entered 5:05 P.M.

Moved by Little, seconded by King to accept the resignation of Roy Watkins, Jr. as Animal Control Officer. Motion declared carried.

POLICE CHIEF RESIGNATION:

Mayor Allen read the resignation of Garry Abram as Chief of Police.

Moved by Little, seconded by Jenkins to accept the resignation of Garry Abram as Chief of Police effective June 24, 1988 and allow him the week of June 17 through 24th vacation with pay. Motion declared carried.

MAYOR RESIGNATION:

Mayor Allen stated that his resignation submitted verbally on Tuesday, June 7 during Council meeting and in writing to the clerk's office on Wednesday, June 8 was being withdrawn. He stated that the problems still exist in the council and the resignation of Garry Abram will not change this. He made the following statement to the council members:

"I have seen this council deteriorate to the point that we are trying to back fight each other, publicly and privately and I don't think we are serving the community well. These are the things that brought about my resignation and they're still there and they're going to be there as long as you don't work together. This council exists when it's in this chamber. Not when it's outside. Individual members cannot try to run the city by themselves. Only the council can do that. It's up to you folks to make the policies, the decisions on what you want the department heads to do and allow them to do it. If you don't do that, you're going to have chaos. You're going to have departments that are not going to function well because they're going to have ten individual bosses, and they're not going to know which direction to go. There's been a lot of talk about there being other reasons for this resignation. I want to put that to rest. I don't allow my personal life to influence my decisions as Mayor and I'm not going allow being Mayor to influence my personal life.

My resignation won't solve the problems and I promised the community 2 years and I'm going to try to give them that. I'll open for any statements anyone might like to make.

Jenkins: "Why is my appointment a slap in the face to the second ward?"

Mayor: "A great number of those people, Mr. Jenkins, voted for Mr. Watkins."

Jenkins: "Yes they did, but a greater number voted for his opponent."

Mayor: "I doubt your qualifications, sir, to be honest with you. I doubt if you will serve the community."

Jenkins: "Are the council members not to do what the citizens of their ward asked for. The citizens of the 2nd Ward decided in the last election they did not want Mr. Watkins as councilman. I think that was made very clear."

Mayor: "A number of them decided they did. A number of them said they did and I think the council did not consider your qualifications or whether you would best serve the people of that ward. And I'm entitled to that opinion."

Jenkins: "Yes you are, sir."

Stephenson: "That's the 1st time it had ever been handled like that. The man that was defeated has always been the one that was chosen to serve on the council."

Mayor: "If it's close that would be a legitimate argument for the gentleman."

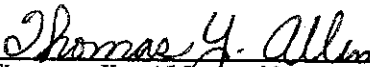
Stephenson: "It was very close. By how many votes? 4?"

Mayor: "4 I believe."

King: Can we now continue with the agenda?

Moved by King, seconded by Polema to allow Jim Robinson 1 week vacation pay. Motion declared carried.

Moved by King, seconded by Poelma to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Galena City Council. Motion declared carried.

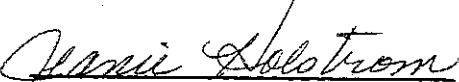


Thomas Y. Allen, Mayor

ROBINSON VACATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

ATTEST:


Jeanie Holstrom, City Clerk

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