

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 1999

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 7, 1999, at 5:15 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: JACKSON, BRANDENBURG, ABSENT: LATURNER

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel matters with the City Clerk to remain. Motion declared carried.

Mayor, Mark LaTurner entered at 5: 18 p.m.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:17
AND RETURNED AT 5:35 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Galena city commission was called to order after executive session at 5:35 p.m. in the commission chamber with Mark LaTurner, presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: LATURNER, JACKSON, BRANDENBURG

INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to appoint Debbie Kitch as Interim City Manager. Motion declared carried.

Mayor LaTurner stated we would start advertising for a city manager but would wait till the two new commission members came aboard before hiring one.

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CITY MANAGER:

Mike Tash stated he would like to address the commission on his view of what happened Monday night. He stated he had been working with Mr. Nice on several occasions and new Mr. Nice had sent many letters out on the clean-up, but once they went into the court system his hands were tied. He asked if the decision was made for the lost of his job on the apparent lack of letters going out.

The commission stated this was not the reason.

Mr. Tash questioned again if it was based on the clean-up and if not if the commission could discuss why Mr. Nice was no longer with the city.

Mayor LaTurner stated just as his employer would not speak about him he could not go into that. Mayor LaTurner stated it was nice for someone to come out and say something positive about one of our employees.

Mr. Tash apologized for not coming to the meetings and saying what a good job Mr. Nice was doing or Debbie or whoever. He asked if anything had been done to find out the opposite side of it, the appearance of it was like it was ramrod through and is a shock to the community. He asked if it was isolated to five or six people.

Commissioner Brandenburg stated he had a lot of calls from the people in the community. He stated he had complaints the people at large were not happy.

Commissioner Jackson advised the discussion needed to slow down, and the agreement was the city manager would give them his resignation for x dollars with the agreement they would give him a good recommendation

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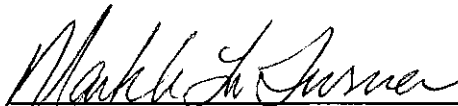
were ever he went to work and they needed to accept the term of his resignation.

Mr. Tash asked if it was the four or five people complaining that was running our city. Commissioner Brandenburg stated two or three hundred. Mayor LaTurner stated he had not had that amount. Mr. Tash stated he hoped next time there would be more consideration in what the community thought.

Mr. Doug Spears spoke and stated he felt after visiting with Mr. Nice his hands were tied..

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Brandenburg, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the special meeting. Motion declared carried.



Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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