

MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 1999

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Galena City Commission was called to order on Monday, October 11, 1999, at 5:15 P.M. in the commission chambers with Mayor Mark LaTurner presiding.

ROLL CALL:

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

K-9 UNIT:

Mayor LaTurner stated the city has a decision to make to keep the K-9 unit or not, and if the city does keep it there are some issues to deal with. Mayor LaTurner stated if they decide to stay with the unit Officer Brenner will need a vehicle and there seem to be some concern in which vehicle he was to get. Mayor LaTurner said he had spoke with Chief Goff and it had came across he did not object in keeping the K-9 unit, but needed some instruction from the commission with what policy they wanted to go with. Mayor LaTurner asked the thoughts of the commission.

Commissioner Jackson stated it was well and good, and a trendy thing to have a K-9 unit and the school wants one, but he didn't feel Galena really needed one. He stated in this case the city did not own the dog and we were extending our liability to cover something we shouldn't be covering. He stated he felt there were other K-9 units around if we needed one.

Commissioner Brandenburg said he did not feel we could afford one. He stated its nice to have one in your house if you can control units going were. He stated its going places other than our city and our city use and we don't own

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the dog and we are picking up the tab for the officer's overtime.

Mayor LaTurner asked if we could own the dog and at what cost. Chief Goff said Brenner stated the dog was worth \$7,500.00, but did not think he would sell it.

Mayor LaTurner stated he kind of liked having a K-9 unit and felt it was a positive thing, and hoped the logistics was something they could work through.

Motion made by Jackson, seconded buy Brandenburg to do away with the K-9 unit. Motion declared carried.

Mayor LaTurner asked if this would cost us and officer. Chief Goff stated he could not answer.

VEHICLE/BIDDLE:

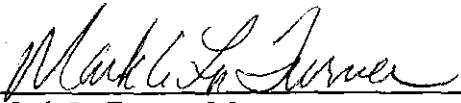
Acting City Manager, Debbie Kitch stated Ben would be able to use the police blazer to transport the Labette Correction boys.

Commissioner Brandenburg advised they needed to start thinking about purchasing a truck for Ben to transport the boys, because they could not ride in the back of the truck, which was illegal. He stated he did not want to take a chance of losing them because they did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT:

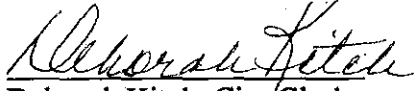
Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Brandenburg to adjourn the special meeting. Motion declared carried.

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Mark LaTurner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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