

MINUTES OF CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order on Monday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Myra Carlisle Frazier presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following council members **present**: SHRYOCK, SHOEMAKER; MONTEE; BANKSON; DAVIES; QUALLS. **Absent**: CURE

Mayor Frazier said the meeting was called for committee issues and personnel.

COMMITTEE ISSUES:

Council member Davies said he realized this was a new form of government. The mayor had appointed committees and they affirmed them, but there was no committee duties listed anywhere. Some committees even overlapped and he felt there was a need on clarification of their duties.

Council member Bankson said he felt the committee should be a buffer zone between the individual and the mayor. The committee should be there to prevent issues from coming about something so minute that may not even involve the mayor or the mayor may not even need to know, but it could be stopped at the departmental level and that way you could disperse rumors and disperse reprimands. He feels they need to get more involved. If I make a wrong decision I should be held accountable.

Mayor Frazier asked if the main complaint she was getting from this was that as an individual committee they were not involved in the hiring and dealing with the employee personnel.

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Mayor Frazier commented that this was a question for the attorney but her interpretation she could do the hiring and firing without any activity from the council. The city attorney confirmed. She said she tries to involve the personnel committee to get feedback from the council rather than do things on her own.

Council member Davies said they really don't need committees. He asked what right do they have if they are only policy making to go to a head of a department if they are on a committee. Mayor Frazier said nothing prohibited him from that.

He commented the mayor had too much power in this form of government in his opinion. The mayor said she would second that and that was one of the reasons she ran. When we were sold this bill of goods we were told we could charter this, we could charter that, and we could taper it to what we wanted. She felt the mayor's term should be two (2) years not four (4) years and should not have the sole power of hiring and firing, but they voted it in and they are stuck with it. The city attorney has since told us we can not charter out of that and if we want a different form of government that's something to look at, but that is not what we are stuck with. This town was so sick of a city manager form and not having the power to hold the officials accountable they grabbed at anything and grabbed at this form of government by mistake she thinks.

Council member Shoemaker said he feels any form of government will work if they have the right management. Davies stated and if we will all work together I don't want to see a division in the council.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Davies, seconded by Bankson to go into executive session for 20 minutes for personnel issues with the **City Attorney to remain and the option to call in the Chief of Police if needed.** **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Shryock, Shoemaker, Montee, Bankson, Davies, Qualls
NAYS: None

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:35 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order after executive session at 6:55 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Myra Carlisle Frazier presiding, **with no action taken.**

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following council members **present:** SHRYOCK, SHOEMAKER, MONTEE, BANKSON, DAVIES, QUALLS **absent:** CURE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Shryock, seconded by Bankson to go into executive session for 15 minutes for personnel issues with the **City Attorney and Chief of Police to remain.** **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Shryock, Shoemaker, Montee, Bankson, Davies, Qualls
NAYS: None

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Galena City Council was called to order after executive session at 7:15 p.m. in the

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council chambers with Mayor Myra Carlisle Frazier presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call indicated the following council members **present**: SHRYOCK, SHOEMAKER, MONTEE, BANKSON, DAVIES, QUALLS **absent**: CURE

Chief Newman announced he was withdrawing the resignation he had turned in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Shryock, seconded by Bankson to adjourn the special meeting. **Motion declared carried.**

AYES: Shryock, Shoemaker, Montee, Bankson, Davies, Qualls

NAYS: None



Myra Carlisle Frazier, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Kitch, City Clerk

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