

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO

CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 7, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN- FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, DEANA DESPAW & TARENA HILL

EMPLOYEES – MICHAEL CUPP, MICHAEL HATCHER, RICK MCCREA, CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER

MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

2ND ON AGENDA: HDR Report – Travis Heir presented the Wastewater System Engineering Report, draft version. He went over the highlights of the study, gave copies to council members to review, and will return for draft approval at the city's next council meeting.

3RD ON AGENDA: TORNADO SIREN – Cruz Newberry with Table Rock Alerting Systems, LLC, attended the meeting to discuss his revised bid. Also discussed was the location of the new siren which is proposed to be at the sewer processing facility so the siren can be tied into the generator at that site. Fred Barela made a motion to accept the bid and start installation within three weeks, also with the condition the bid will be reduced if we can get a pole donated from Liberty Utilities. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

4TH ON AGENDA: CITY ATTORNEY – Mel Gilbert reviewed past topics to confirm completion.

Deana Despaw made a motion to take a 5-minute break. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Deana Despaw made a motion to resume the council meeting. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

5TH ON AGENDA: NO TRUCK SIGN – Council discussed placement of signs and the need for MO-DOT to place some signs. Carmen will call Zack at MO-DOT to determine where we can legally place no truck signs. Deana Despaw made a motion to purchase 8 No Truck signs and 2 Truck Route signs – not to exceed \$250. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

6TH ON AGENDA: EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Attorney Mel Gilbert advised council that he would need to do a final review of handbook before implementation. Deana Despaw tasked Kelly Wheeler with editing the draft version the city acquired.

7TH ON AGENDA: GATE VALVE REPAIRS – Mayor John Arrington has not yet talked to Stephens and Sons regarding repairs but will cover this subject with Shannon Stephens prior to the next meeting.

8TH ON AGENDA: CITY USE OF COUNTY'S ANNEX BUILDING FOR CITY COURT - Office Mike Cupp has offered to speak with the county commissioners to get building use approval. Deana Despaw made a motion to have Mike Cupp speak to county on city's behalf regarding use of the annex building. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

9th ON AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS – Kelly Wheeler presented the insurance summary letter and payout disbursement for the well pump failure. Insurance has mailed a check, and council will be notified when payment is received.

Carmen Malloy presented council with a proposal from local businessman, Chris Conti, regarding purchasing new playground equipment to replace the damaged slide in park. Chris has coordinated with a local business to donate \$3000 as well as the Kimberling City Chamber of Commerce to also match \$3000 if the city will contribute \$3000 to purchase playground equipment for the city park. Fred Barela made a motion for city to pay \$3000 from the general fund to match the other contributors for playground equipment. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Tarena Hill made an addition motion for city to remove the “dome climber” from the park. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Rick McCrae informed council the new police car has been ordered, and cost will be \$26,450. This includes cage, decals, light bar, and siren. The cost does not include the antenna. The radio has already been acquired.

Mayor John Arrington informed council the posts have been set for the city sign and fence behind city hall.

10th ON AGENDA IS NEW BUSINESS – Kelly Wheeler questioned Mr. Gilbert regarding paying for the city’s streetlights out of the street fund. This bill is currently being paid out of the general fund. This will need further investigation as to the allowed uses for the “City Public Mass Transportation – Tax Type Code 215.”

Kelly Wheeler informed the council of the upcoming audit from the workman’s compensation insurance carrier. To accommodate this audit, Kelly has requested updated proof of insurance from all contractors the city does business with. Also, classifications of all employee work hours will need to reflect actual time spent per each department and not a set formula for classing out hours worked.

Kelly Wheeler reminded the council that she would be attending the Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting to be held on 4/11/2022.

Kelly Wheeler told council she will be unable to communicate with bank or sign checks until a motion is made to give this permission. Tarena Hill made a motion to add Kelly Wheeler to the city’s accounts at Simmons Bank and allow her to sign checks. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

11th ON AGENDA IS BILLS AND FINANCES – Vonda Barela made a motion to approve and pay bills. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

12th ON AGENDA IS APPROVE MINUTES FROM 03/22/2022 – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve minutes from 3/22/2022. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Tarena Hill makes a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.