

STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

1ST ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN PRESENT- FRED BARELA, TARENA HILL, VONDA BARELA. ABSENT WAS DEANA DESPAW.

EMPLOYEES –CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER, MIKE CUPP, RICK MCCREA

MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:44 P.M.

2ND ON AGENDA: Street/Alley Vacating Bills 08-2022 and 09-2022 – There was discussion regarding the purpose of the new ordinances. These are re-doing ordinances that were previously passed, but the signed originals were not found in the original ordinance record. The minutes showing the previous approval by council were presented with the current ordinances. Alderman Vonda Barela wanted it placed into the record that, although she did approve one of the ordinances previously, she is no longer of the mindset to agree with any land/street/alley vacating done by the city.

Vonda Barela made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a first reading of the ordinance 2022-08 by title only. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title. Fred Barela made a motion to approve the first reading and to do a second reading of the ordinance by title only. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title a second time. Vonda Barela made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree motion passed.

Vonda Barela made a motion for Mayor Arrington to do a first reading of the ordinance 2022-09 by title only. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title. Tarena Hill made a motion to approve the first reading and to do a second reading of the ordinance by title only. Fred Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed. Mayor Arrington read the ordinance by title a second time. Vonda Barela made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title and approve the ordinance. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree motion passed.

3rd ON AGENDA: City Judge - Appointment Upcoming For January – The current judge for the city court is moving on in 2023 to an associate judge appointment. There was discussion about 3 potential candidates for the open position. There was also discussion regarding the fee schedule the city is paying the current judge. Council asked Officer Mike Cupp if he could arrange for one of the three potential candidates to visit with the council at the next meeting on October 6th.

4th ON AGENDA: Fireworks Ordinance – Brief discussion regarding what the council wants for this ordinance. Do they want to set time restrictions or a total ban? They will need to tell the city attorney at the next meeting the details of what they want. Subject was tabled.

5th ON AGENDA: Employee Handbook – Alderman Deana Despaw still has the employee handbook for a review. Mayor Arrington has already reviewed. Subject was tabled.

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6th ON AGENDA: Prizes for Trick-Or-Treat on the Square – Vonda Barela says she has not yet confirmed donations for the prizes to be given out at the event. The type of prizes was discussed, and bicycles were suggested. There was a suggestion for 3 sizes of bikes for small, medium and large for the different age groups. Cash donations were also mentioned, which could be used to buy bicycles.

7th ON AGENDA: Police Office/Garage – Request For Bid – City clerk, Kelly Wheeler, presented an excel spreadsheet showing the different contractors she has reached out to, the bid amounts she had already received and the status of the different bid requests.

8th ON AGENDA: City Hall Roofing Project – Bids were reviewed. Council had additional questions for three of the bids. City clerk will reach out to the contractors for answers to their questions. Tarena Hill also suggested the city clerk find out what the BBB ratings were for each company that submitted a bid.

9th ON AGENDA: Old Business

Mayor John Arrington – Mayor John Arrington addressed council regarding the new truck route signs and questioned how the city will enforce this. Officer Rick McCrea presented council with a copy of the existing ordinance that would apply to the truck route.

Fred Barela – No Old Business

Tarena Hill – Tarena Hill discussed the new city sign that sits on her property. She wanted a post trimmed and also noted the sign did not appear to be level. Mayor Arrington said he would cut the post and check whether the sign was truly level.

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela asked about the status of the new slide for the city park. Carmen Malloy informed council the manufacturer of the slide is 2 weeks behind in their schedule.

Carmen Malloy – No Old Business

Kelly Wheeler – Kelly Wheeler presented an attorney retainer document for the PFAS Cost Recovery Program (recommended by the National Rural Water Association) which the Mayor needed to sign. She had already sent the retainer document to the city attorney, Mel Gilbert, to review. Mr. Gilbert sent an e-mail saying it was okay for Mayor to sign the attorney retainer. Tarena Hill made a motion to have Mayor sign the attorney retainer. Vonda Barela 2nd. All in favor, motion passed. Kelly also thanked the city council for her new chair.

Mike Cupp – No Old Business

Rick McCrae – No Old Business

10th ON AGENDA: New Business

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Fred Barela – No New Business

Tarena Hill – No New Business

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Vonda Barela – No New Business

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy advised council the city lawnmower needs replacing. Even though it was recently repaired, it is still in rough shape and will need replacement soon. Carmen has seen some lawnmower financing specials at 0% for 4 years at several places and wanted the council to be aware of the opportunity for interest-free financing. Council asked her to gather details on mowers and pricing to present at the next meeting.

Carmen also informed council the money for the TableRock Chamber of Commerce playground equipment grant was received, and the council needs to decide what to purchase with the funds. Discussion followed regarding playground equipment and prices. It was decided to purchase a metal teeter totter. Tarena Hill made a motion to purchase the 4 seater teeter totter from Summit Supply Corp. Vonda Barela 2nd. Roll call vote; Vonda Barela – Yes, Tarena Hill – Yes, Fred Barela – Abstain. Motion passed.

Kelly Wheeler – No New Business

Mike Cupp – No New Business

Rick McCrea – No New Business

11th ON AGENDA: Bills and Finances – Vonda Barela made a motion to approve and pay bills. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

12th ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 9/01/2022 – Fred Barela made a motion to approve the 9/01/22 minutes. Vonda Barela 2nd. All agree, motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Tarena Hill 2nd. All agree, motion passed.