

# STATED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF GALENA, MO CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17, 2022

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ON AGENDA: ROLL CALL**

MAYOR- JOHN ARRINGTON

COUNCILMEN PRESENT- FRED BARELA, VONDA BARELA, DEANA DESPAW. ABSENT WAS TARENA HILL.  
EMPLOYEES –CARMEN MALLOY, KELLY WHEELER, MIKE CUPP, MICHAEL HATCHER RICK MCCREA  
MAYOR JOHN ARRINGTON CALLS MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ON AGENDA: Mark Rundel** – City council interviewed Mark Rundel for the upcoming municipal judge opening in 2023. Qualifications, expectations and rate of pay were discussed. Also discussed was scheduling, and no conflicts were identified. Fred Barela made a motion to hire Mark Rundel at the rate of \$450 per month, including months where court is not held. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ON AGENDA: Campground License – Chad Enochs and Harold Higgins** – Neither party attended the council meeting, and the subject was not discussed.

Deana Despaw made a motion to go into closed session under real estate - section 610.021 (2). Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

Fred Barela made a motion to come out of closed session. Deana Despaw 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

No motion made in closed session.

**4<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Fireworks Ordinance** – Subject was tabled until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting.

**5<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Employee Handbook** – Alderman Deana Despaw still has the employee handbook for a review. Mayor Arrington has already reviewed. Subject was tabled until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting.

**6<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Police Office/Garage – Bids** – Subject was tabled until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting.

**7<sup>TH</sup> ON AGENDA: Police Radios** – Officer Mike Cupp discussed the urgent need for a repeater and handheld radio. There was a recent incident where Officer McCrae could not contact dispatch with his current radio system. Deana Despaw made a motion to allow the purchase of the repeater with funds from the police account and to use other funds for the handheld which will be reimbursed out of the police account when the funds are there. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**8<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: City Hall Roofing Project** – Subject was tabled until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Striping and Sealing** – Council discussed the city square paving project. Even though the paving project is not fully complete, it is done for the season due to the decreased temperatures. Striping will need to be completed on the newly paved areas, and the areas that missed paving this year will need to be sealed and striped as well. Carmen Malloy was asked to obtain bids for the striping and sealing for the square.

**10<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Old Business**

Mayor John Arrington – No Old Business  
Deana Despaw – No Old Business  
Fred Barela – No Old Business

Vonda Barela – Vonda Barela inquired about the playground equipment for the city park. Carmen Malloy informed council the slide has been delivered. The teeter-totter has been purchased and will ship on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy informed council she had posted notifications regarding Trick-or-Treat on the Square at the library, post office, Bean Counter and school. Council asked the city clerk to post a notification on the city's facebook page. Notification had already been posted on the city's website.

Kelly Wheeler – No Old Business  
Mike Cupp – No Old Business  
Michael Hatcher – No Old Business  
Rick McCrae – No Old Business

**11<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: New Business**

Mayor John Arrington – No New Business

Deana Despaw – Deana Despaw started a discussion regarding the upcoming Christmas parade because the organizer for the parade recently sent a message to the city through facebook with a flyer for the parade attached. Deana asked the city clerk, Kelly Wheeler, to contact the parade organizer to help coordinate and promote the event. The council also suggested the parade organizer be put on the next council meeting agenda so they can stay informed regarding the event.

Fred Barela – No New Business  
Vonda Barela – No New Business

Carmen Malloy – Carmen Malloy advised council there has been 2 recent requests for annexation. One was on Blunk Road and the other was across from Dollar General. One annex request was for city utility access and the other was not pertaining to utility access. The property wanting city utilities was advised they would have to pay for boring under the highway for the utility placement. Carmen also informed council a citizen was wanting a new sewer average. However, based on the most recent meter readings, if a new sewer average was given, it would increase the citizen's water/sewer bill.

Kelly Wheeler – No New Business  
Mike Cupp – No New Business  
Rick McCrea – No New Business

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**12<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: Bills and Finances** – Deana Despaw made a motion to approve and pay bills. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.

**13<sup>th</sup> ON AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES FROM 9/19/2022** – Fred Barela made a motion to approve the 9/19/22 minutes. Vonda Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deana Despaw abstained from voting due to not being present at that meeting. Motion passed.

Deana Despaw made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Fred Barela 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agree, motion passed.