

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Jon Angell, Don Bormann, David Wilkins, Jessica Orsini, Farris Sanders and Catherine Simmons answered roll call.

Absent: None

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon,

Others present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Electric Dept Forman Mark Mustain, Street Dept Forman Phil Hoffman, Landon Magley, Adam Stites, Madison Lipford, Pat Ward and Don Bobbitt

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Comments from Citizens:

Mayor Grenke opened the Comments from Citizens section at 7:02 p.m.

Pat Ward, Sunset Gardens Apt 11, Centralia

Ward said she wanted to know which employees would get the raises that the Board was voting on. Some discussion was held regarding the ordinance on the agenda which included raises for the salaried employees who were not included in the 20 cent per hour raise passed by the Memorandum of Understanding. Ward stated that she feels that if an employee had already received a raise, they shouldn't get another one. More discussion was held explaining that the 20 cent per hour raise was for hourly employees, and that the insurance increase had averaged to be about a 4% increase per employee.

There being no further comments, the Comments from Citizens section was closed at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Annexation of Property by John Carl Leader, *et al*, and the City of Centralia

Mayor Grenke opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Behrns explained that this was a petition to annex property on Hwy 124 and Hwy 22. The petition was to annex City property (50' storm sewer easement) and Leader's property that is not already within the City limits, also including hwy 22 where the creek is at.

There being no other comments, Mayor Grenke closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing Compensation for Certain City Employees

There was some discussion held regarding whether or not a bill could be reintroduced in the same session. City Attorney Beck stated he was not aware of any City ordinances or laws governing against this.

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2599 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." Alderman Simmons moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Simmons moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Simmons moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, Orsini, Simmons, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: Sanders. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon

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signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2673.

ORDINANCE: Authorizing Approval of Grant Award of Contract for Purchase and Improvement of Radios with Missouri Office of Homeland Security and Grants and Training

Chief Dudgeon introduced the information. The amount of the grant available to the City of Centralia is \$77,000 to be used to replace current radios City-wide to make them compliant with the upcoming regulations to have all radios on a narrow-band frequency. Police Sergeant Bias and Electric Department Foreman Mustain had put the information together for the grant. There is a deadline of June 6th to have radios ordered. A final list of radios had already been put together and should be ready to order soon. Behrns noted that in order to convert all radios to narrow band, the City would have to pay about \$400-\$500 worth of reprogramming for existing radios that are not going to be able to be replaced.

Alderman Angell presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2600 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A GRANT OF AWARD CONTRACT WITH THE MISSOURI OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND GRANTS AND TRAINING TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT." Alderman Angell moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Simmons and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Angell moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Simmons and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Angell moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, Orsini, Sanders, Simmons, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2674.

Mayor:

Appointments:

Mayor Grenke recommended appointing Catherine Simmons to the CREDI board to replace Alderman Bormann for a 1 year term. Alderman Angell made a motion to approve the appointment of Catherine Simmons to the CREDI board for a 1 year term. The motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

As May Arise:

An Arbor Day Proclamation was read by Mayor Grenke. Arbor Day will be April 13, 2012, and there will be an Arbor Day celebration at CIS that day at 2:20 p.m.

Lockett noted that Local Government Week will be April 30th – May 4th. MML sent out several suggestions of things to do during local government week, and one suggestion was to hold an essay contest. The City of Centralia is going to hold an Art & Essay contest with local schools with 1 winner chosen from each school will by the Board of Alderman. Prizes have been donated by Centralia Friends of the Park and an anonymous donation

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Simmons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Heather Lockett, City Clerk