

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

Roll Call: Aldermen Jon Angell, Don Bormann, Landon Magley, Farris Sanders and Catherine Simmons answered roll call.

Absent: Alderman David Wilkins

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Water Dept Foreman Mike Forsee, Street Dept Foreman Phil Hoffman, Jason Shackelford, Evelyn Robertson, Kenny Cooley, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard,

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**ORDINANCE: Declaring the Area of Proposed Enhanced Enterprise Zone to be a "Blighted Area":**

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2623 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE AREA OF A PROPOSED ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE TO BE A "BLIGHTED AREA"." 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 Sanders 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 Magley 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 Magley seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, Magley, Sanders, and Simmons. 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 2693.

**ORDINANCE:** Supporting Application for Enhanced Enterprise Zone Designation and Establishing Property Tax Abatement Rate for Qualified Improvements and Designating Types of Businesses Eligible for Property Tax Abatement.

There was some discussion of the specific requirements to qualify for the EEZ tax abatement.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2624 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE AND ESTABLISHING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT RATE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY BY ELIGIBLE BUSINESS FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE AND DESIGNATING THE TYPES OF BUSINESS FACILITIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT." Alderman Bormann 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 Bormann moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Sanders 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 Bormann 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, Magley, 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 2694.

**Accepting 2011-12 Audit Report**

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Alderman Simmons made a motion to accept the 2011-12 Audit Report as presented by Williams-Keepers, LLC. The motion was seconded by Alderman Angell. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Limitations on Number of Establishments Licensed to Sell Package Intoxicating Liquor**

Behrns apprised the Board on the limitations assigned to package liquor licenses as outlined in the City code. After the findings from the 2010 census were produced, the number of package liquor licenses increased to 7 based on the new population. At this time there are 6 licenses issued and 1 business, Prenger's Extreme Mart has applied for the remaining liquor license. This presents a problem for gentlemen here in the office because the current owner of the Doaba, LLC business has requested to transfer his license to his new location beside China King. Beck noted that there is no state statute that mandates the City limit on liquor licenses.

Beck proposed three options: 1) do nothing 2) amend population limit to allow more licenses to be available or 3) repeal the City limitation on liquor licenses.

Some discussion was held regarding the current package liquor license limitations in the City code.

Mayor Grenke opened the floor to comments from audience at 7:27 p.m.  
Satmal Mahel, Columbia, MO

Mahel stated that he owns the Cenex station at 204 W Hwy 22, and has owned it for past 4 years. The current renter is moving out and taking the liquor license with him. Not being able to obtain a liquor license would make it very hard to find a tenant for the property. He stated that he would request to increase the number of licenses to continue to operate the business.

Comments from audience was closed at 7:29 p.m.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding amending the City code to increase the number of package liquor licenses available.

Alderman Simmons made a motion to amend the existing ordinance to lower number of residents required per license to 400 people.  
Hearing no second, Mayor Grenke called motion dead.

Alderman Magley suggested repealing the ordinance.

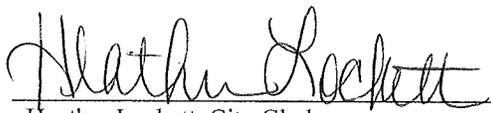
Alderman Sanders made a motion to direct staff to compose an ordinance to repeal the ordinance as it is. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bormann. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Behrns would give the direction to staff create an ordinance to be presented on August 13, 2012.

**As May Arise:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Simmons made the motion to recess the meeting until August 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Heather Lockett, City Clerk