

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

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

Absent: Alderman Jon Angell

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Nevill Patel, Larry Vandiver, Centralia Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Justin Angell, and James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard,

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**Comments from Citizens:**

**Opened at 7:01 p.m.**

Nevill Patel, 5100 Forum Blvd, Columbia, 65203

Patel stated he was speaking about the proposal for distributing more liquor licenses, and would like to hear the pros and cons on the issue from the Board.

Alderman Angell entered the meeting at 7:02

Alderman Sanders said he thinks the benefits are tax revenue and free trade. The City wouldn't limit other types of businesses.

Patel said that liquor licenses will protect the number of places that can sell alcohol. Not really stopping a business just limiting number of places that can sell liquor.

Sanders noted that the City is already getting property tax, but the business would stay empty without the liquor license.

There was some discussion regarding the amount of sales tax revenue that the City would receive from another business opening and selling liquor. Alderman Wilkins said he was not too sure that it's our stipulations when granting a license, and it's part of them doing business. They should be able to purchase a certain kind of license they are applying for if they meet the requirements.

In Patel's opinion, revenue is not going to increase and the number of local jobs would not increase either as he felt that the new owners would not hire local people.

Alderman Bormann agreed that it would probably not create more jobs. If the stores would be splitting sales, then they would split jobs also.

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of the increase or decrease in the number jobs created.

Patel stated that, for example 10% of his businesses revenue could be going to the new business, which will effect local donations, local jobs, and this could be the same for the other businesses that are having revenue taken away.

Alderman Sanders noted that a benefit from this decision would be freedom.

Alderman Angell stated that he understands Patel's position that there are a couple of stores he is referring to that will hire family or out of town people to work at the businesses, but the position of the council is that this is an area that government should not be interfering with. He is not sure the City would want to be in the position to decide who gets to participate, as the City of Centralia does not limit other types of business.

Patel – not opposing merchant license to allow them to do business...just liquor license.

Patel asked the Board to think of products that are worse than synthetic drugs or alcohol, and noted that each state and City in Missouri place a limit to control alcohol sales.

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Angell – would like to set aside the synthetic marijuana comment as that is different topic entirely.

There was some discussion on the purpose for limiting the number of liquor licenses, and the amount of revenue the City would receive per package liquor license sold. The City charges \$75 per package liquor license, and \$150 per package Sunday liquor license. Mayor Grenke expressed that it seems the feeling from the Board is that the government is limiting or restricting businesses by limiting the number of package liquor licenses.

There was some discussion regarding the sale of synthetic marijuana, and the state regulations on these type of substances. Chief Dudgeon noted that the Police can better control retail sales through an ordinance than a state statute. Dudgeon said there is a way to take care of it locally, strictly by an ordinance dealing with local sale of any type of synthetic substance.

After some discussion on the amount of business that Patel's store receives from out of town customers, Mayor Grenke closed the comments from citizens at 7:31.

**Discussion amongst alderman:**

Alderman Sanders stated that he understands where Patel is coming from with other issue involving the sale of synthetic drugs, but right now the Board is addressing the liquor license issue. Sanders noted that K2 issue would be addressed at another time. His feeling on the liquor license limitation is that free trade is free trade, and the City would not limit the number of other types of businesses in town.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding the issue of limiting the number of package liquor licenses issued by the City.

**ORDINANCE: Repealing City Code 3-8 Concerning Limitation on Number of Establishments Licensed to Sell Package Intoxicating Liquor**

Alderman Angell presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2625 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 3-8 CONCERNING LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SELL PACKAGE INTOXICATING LIQUOR." 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 Sanders 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 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 Angell moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Sanders 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 Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: Alderman Simmons. 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 2695.

**Purchase of Narrow Band Radio Controls for Warning Sirens**

A quote in the amount of \$11,129.52 from Blue Valley Public Safety Inc. to change out the control receiver systems was presented to the Baor.

There was some discussion regarding upgrading existing radios and replacing some of them.

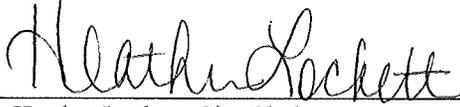
Alderman Bormann made a motion to approve the purchase the narrow band radios from Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$11,129.52. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Lockett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Heather Lockett, City Clerk