

Mayor Grenke called the regular 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, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Regina Guevara with the Laborer's Local 773, Paul Pendergrast with Laborer's Local 773, Barry Stevens, James Lee, Centralia Police Sergeant Robert Bias, Boone Sheriff Dewayne Carey and Boone County Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Grenke asked for approval of the Consent Agenda in its entirety or any items to be pulled for comment or correction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - B. Minutes of Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting
  - C. Minutes of General Government Committee Meeting
  - D. Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- Reports
1. Treasurer's & Collector's Reports
  2. Activity Reports
  - 3.

Motion was made by Alderman Bormann to accept the consent agenda in its entirety. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**Accounts Payable over \$1250** was presented in the amount of \$391,387.90 as follows:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1250**

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Ameren (Heating)	\$ 4,473.10
Ameren (Transmission charges)	\$ 15,272.19
Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$ 137,136.84
Butler Supply (Elec Dept Supplies)	\$ 1,340.81
Central MO Humane Society (47 cats-28 dogs & vaccine)	\$ 1,550.00
CenturyLink (Jan Statement)	\$ 1,264.25
City of Columbia (Jan 2013 Landfill charges)	\$ 7,680.18
D & D Tire (Jan Statement)	\$ 1,772.75
Ed Roehr (Ballistic Vest Dudgeon/Stone/Bias)	\$ 1,725.00
Fletcher/Reinhardt (Electric Supplies)	\$ 1,372.64
G & G Construction (Fire Station Floor)	\$ 2,725.00
ITP (Unit # 13 Parts & Repairs)	\$ 7,353.04
KTM Auto & Farm Supply (January Statement)	\$ 1,354.47

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LACrosse Lumber (Jan statement)	\$	1,451.92
Meyers Truck Service (Units # 76 & 77 Parts Repairs)	\$	2,568.23
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	7,876.68
MJMEUC (Prairie State)	\$	43,163.85
Pitney Bowes (Postage)	\$	2,500.00
S & D Auto (January Statement)	\$	2,004.12
Viking-Cives Midwest Inc (Spreader Parts)	\$	2,667.93
Water & Sewer (water Dept Supplies)	\$	1,675.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>248,928.00</b>
<b>ADDED TODAY</b>		
Arkansas Electric (240/120 PH PAD (10) )	\$	11,600.00
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc (Upgrade City Siren System)	\$	10,201.52
Independent Salt Co (HWY Salt)	\$	1,486.72
Library Go Bond	\$	29,340.00
Luebbert Engineering (3rd Progress Payment /Switzler St Project)	\$	11,550.00
MAMU	\$	12,359.09
MISO	\$	3,100.57
MRSWCIT (Work Comp Insurance)	\$	62,822.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>142,459.90</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>391,387.90</b>

Alderman Bormann made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$391,387.90. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

The Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Hearing no comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

**PRESENTATION BY BOONE COUNTY COMMISSION ON PROPOSED 911 SALES TAX**

Boone County Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill provided a document outlining Proposition #1 that will be on the April 2, 2013 ballot which calls for 3/8 cent sales tax increase to support an expansion and upgrade to the County's existing 911 emergency response system. Atwill gave some background on the project, which he said had started several years ago based on a study done in the 1990's showing that emergency management and 911 programs in the county were deficient. The current hardware and software being used are out of date and the facility is not adequate to serve the needs of the county. Atwill noted that the process for 911 calls in Centralia is that all 911 calls are routed through Joint Communications and then passed on to Centralia Police Department dispatchers. Mayor Grenke questioned if there would be a sunset on the tax. Atwill responded that there is no sunset because there will be employees, and other issues including replacement of technology. If there was the event in which there was more tax collected than needed it could be submitted on the ballot for a reduction. There is a need for an emergency management director, but right now the position is being filled by Scott Olsen, Boone County Fire Protection District Chief. James Smith asked if there was originally some sort of federal revenue stream to take care of this. Atwill said that Springfield, Missouri had received several million dollars in federal grants, and Boone County would also be applying for federal grant money to assist with this once an ordinance is passed.

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Sheriff Carey noted that Springfield, Missouri, is the backup state EOC to be used if there were to be a big event that occurs anywhere but Springfield. He also explained that there is technology that will be developing in the future, and the tax would help fund the cost to continue to upgrade as needed. He said that there is some equipment currently being used that is so obsolete that it is very difficult to find replacement parts. Carey explained the process for receiving and disseminating calls through Joint Communications, and that the building designated for the EOC is doubling as a daycare facility. The tax would help the County build a new facility and properly equip and staff the call center.

Attorney Beck noted that Carey had spoken to Kiwanis and asked him to explain why the tax would be 3/8 cents. Carey said that they had initially looked at 1/4 cent, but realized that would not be sufficient for what needs to be done. He noted that they would be employing a lot more people than just the 20 people in the operations room, and also had to look at a replacement schedule for the equipment. Ongoing cost would be about \$6 million, and he said that there is no pad on the 3/8 cents.

Beck questioned why the new facility would be built behind the jail. Carey answered that the County owns the property, and there is a large open area that the building would be perfect because the majority of the building could be built below the ground. He noted that there is a lot of cost to build the building above ground and to have F-5 rated walls, but a lot of the building would be underground and would save a lot of money.

Chief Dudgeon asked when they would try to start moving ground if tax passes. Carey was not completely sure how quickly they would start because the County would have to go out for bid on the project. He did say that while the building is being built there are enough consoles to get people working in the current facility right after a training period.

Atwill touched on how the project will be structured and governed. He noted that the Emergency Management will be a department of the County, and they plan to hire a director of 911 and emergency management. There would also be a committee formed of user group and the community, and noted that the method they are approaching will provide a lot more input from out-laying areas in the County. Alderman Simmons asked what citizens could do to promote the proposition. Carey said that they will have door-to-door crews, but word of mouth is the best option. They can also provide people with more fact sheets to hand out, and are planning on having more speaking arrangements to get the word out..

Grenke questioned if the \*55 with the Highway Patrol tied into the 911 system for the county. Carey said that it is not part of this system.

Grenke asked if this change would affect the Centralia dispatch center, and Carey replied that it would not affect their current operations, but the County would be happy to help with anything the City of Centralia needed as far as dispatch goes.

Chief Dudgeon pointed out that the Sheriff's office has the ultimate responsibility to make sure warrants are entered correctly, and asked if Carey saw that job moving from the Sheriff's office to Joint Communications. Carey said that he did not, and that they want those people who are mules certified to enter their own warrants. The main objective for Joint Communications is to take calls and dispatch those calls.

Alderman Sanders asked if the upgrades would increase the call efficiency to 95% or more. Carey said that, yes, it would increase the call efficiency. He said that the technology is there and is only going to get better. He feels that increasing the number of staff trained to take and dispatch calls by a minimum of 20 more, dispatching to police, fire and ambulance crews would improved greatly.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR**

Ginny Zoellers submitted a written update as follows to the Board as she was not able to be in attendance:

There is some positive activity on the economic development front with some new businesses looking to open and others looking to expand. I can not say anything more specific at this time.

The Chamber dinner is April 11, 2013 at the Holy Spirit Catholic church Multipurpose Building. Social is at 5:30 with dinner following the social time. Nominations have been requested for Business of the Year, Educator of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Community Betterment, Agricultural Person of the Year and Ambassador of the Year.

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Purchase with a purpose is on track with some committee restructure and a new plan in place for promotion and implementation. A document to help the businesses inform their customers of how the program works has been created and advertising will begin.

A survey will go out to current Chamber members and future members to find out what the members and future members would like to see the Chamber focus on.

Mayor Grenke asked Barry Stevens from the audience who was on Purchase with a Purpose committee. Barry noted that he thought the committee members were Lorry Meyers, Geri Dollens and Jeff Grimes, but he was sure who is on the committee from the Chamber.

**CENTRALIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. UPDATE**

Mayor Grenke asked Barry Stevens, CREDI President for a report on the activities coming up for the organization. He said that they are looking at an April 6, 2013, date for the job fair and business expo, and received a list of licensed businesses with the city. Mayor Grenke noted that they already have about 13-15 businesses committed to the event. There will be a Networking committee meeting next Thursday evening. Members of that committee include Mayor Grenke, Nancy Baca, Jeff Grimes, Ronnie Waters, and Donnie Rodgers.

Stevens reported that the intern working with CREDI, Jess Lingle, has been working in the eCivis program and has prepared information for Darin Ford at the school and provided information about programs for CREDI. Lingle has been providing a report every Friday.

The Purchase with a Purpose committee has been reformulated and is back on track getting information and materials to businesses. Alderman Sanders asked if the flyers would be going everywhere in town. Stevens said that a packet is \$20 for all the posters and information. The committee is working to develop an educational piece to help businesses train employees on the programs. He said the program needs all the promotion that they can get, and another thing Lingle is working on is something to be able to get the information out to the public. Stevens noted that he is optimistic that this is just the beginning of the program.

**PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled**

**ACTION AGENDA:**

**Finance: None Scheduled**

**Permits and Licenses: None Scheduled**

**Legal:**

**ORDINANCE:** Authorizing Agreement with Centralia R-VI School District for School Resource Officer

Alderman Wilkins presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2646 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRALIA R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND RELATED MATTERS." Alderman Wilkins 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 Bormann and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Wilkins moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bormann 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 Wilkins 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: 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 2716.

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**ORDINANCE:** Authorizing Agreement with Job Point to Support Job Training Internships

Behrns stated that the City had an agreement with Job Point with a duration of less than one year and would not spend any money. Job Point had requested a multi year contract, but has since decided to continue with a one-year contract. This is a state funded program whereby the state and some union programs train individuals job skills in the street and maintenance positions. The workers are not here all the time, and go through training cycles. The City gets a new class every-other month, and we have had a good experience using the program. Behrns said that he would recommend passing the ordinance

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2647 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JOB POINT, A MISSOURI NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR SUPPORT OF AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR JOB TRAINING IN 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: 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 2717.

**PURCHASING:** None Scheduled

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor:**

**Appointments:**

**Aldermen:**

**City Administrator:**

**City Attorney:**

Beck mentioned that he had been approached with a discussion regarding a possible conflict of interest, and the possibility of a contract between Alderman Magley's employer and the City of Centralia. Magley had requested if it would it be a conflict of interest to vote on issues dealing with his employer. Beck said that it would not be a conflict of interest after his review of Section 2-3 and 2-5 of Centralia City code, which defines legal conflicts of interest. He noted that Magley does not have an ownership interest in the company, therefore it would not be a conflict of interest.

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Lockett noted that, with the assistance of Alderman Wilkins, the videos of the meetings are going to be found under the “Meetings Agendas & Minutes” section for each committee and the Board of Aldermen on the City web site. There will be links to as many as twelve videos at a time.

**Discussions with City of Centralia Employee Union Representatives**

Paul Pendergrast, Attorney for Laborer’s Local 773, and Regina Guevara, Field Representative for Laborer’s Local 773 were present.

Pendergrast introduced himself and Guevara. He gave some information about the number of members they represent for the City of Centralia and other communities. He noted that the Local 773 is currently under negotiations with the City of Centralia, and they had requested the opportunity to come and speak with Board tonight. Pendergrast said that he would like to answer questions about concerns, and had three points he would like to discuss tonight:

- 1) Ask that the agreement be called a “collective bargaining agreement”
- 2) Include a “fair-share” clause which would require that anyone involved in the unit is a paying member of the union. Other employees that are paying union dues to be able to have a voice in the negotiations and his view is that all members should pay their fair share.
- 3) Impasse arbitration – if each side can not come to an agreement they would send both proposals to a third party arbitrator.

Alderman Sanders questioned who would be responsible for finding the third party arbitrator. Pendergrast said that it could be done through federal mediation service. They send out names with resumes, and each side strikes a name from the list until there is one name left. There are also mediation services available.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of an arbitrator if one would be needed, as well as who would be responsible for paying the arbitrator’s fee. Behrns noted that the fact that this is such a small entity and this is a small group it would be conceivable that the cost of the arbitration would be the same as the amount being negotiated. Pendergrast noted that he was suggesting an alternative to dispute resolution, which could also be a mediator.

There was discussion regarding the proposed “fair-share”, which would mean that all employees able to be part of the Local 773 Union would pay dues, even if they did not choose to be a member of the union.

Behrns referenced an email from Attorney Ivan Schrader, and Schrader did note that changing the name of the document doesn’t have any effect. He also noted that the current memorandum of understanding has a section called dues check-off, and the City does, in fact, withhold dues on a bi-weekly basis.

Mayor Grenke asked what the regular dues cost per month. Guevara said that they are \$25 per month, and Pendergrast noted that the fair-share amount would be \$23. There was additional discussion about whether or not the decision for paying dues to the union should rest with the employee, and Pendergrast said that he feels it’s a necessary cost of doing business for them. New employees would know it’s a cost coming in. Mayor Grenke noted that across the board every one had to pay more in FICA and the economy is struggling.

**Closed Session:**

Alderman Bormann moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote was: preparation, including any discussion or work product, on behalf of the City of Centralia or its representatives for negotiation with an employee group, as provided for under Section 610.021 (9) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Alderman Simmons asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins.

The mayor requested a roll call vote and the motion passed with the following votes: FOR: Aldermen Bormann, Magley, Sanders, Simmons, and Wilkins. AGAINST: None. The board went into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

**Return to Open Session**

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There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Simmons made the motion to return to open session. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote and the motion passed with the following votes: FOR: Aldermen Bormann, Magley, Sanders, Wilkins and Simmons. AGAINST: None.

The board returned to open session at 8:54 p.m.

Pendergrast offered some clarification regarding the fair-share agreement. He said that it would only pertain to the public works & utilities departments.

**As May Arise:**

Chief Dudgeon said he would like to take a moment to thank everyone for support on the School Resource Officer program. He said that he appreciates the support from the Board of Aldermen and School Board, and would like to particularly thank Lynn Behrns. Dudgeon said that the Board wouldn't be voting on it tonight if the Superintendent and Behrns had not gotten together to discuss the specifics.

Behrns asked for Dudgeon to keep very close tabs on training expenses and lodging, and get copies of bills as soon as they occur for the SRO.

Alderman Simmons announced that the Good Shepard Luthern church is opening lawn area for gardening.

Mayor Grenke said he wanted to congratulate a couple of wrestlers, Tyler Spurling and Ethan Leighton who placed at state.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

  
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Heather Lockett, City Clerk