

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

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

Absent: Alderman Jon Angell

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

Others present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard

Jon Angell entered at 7:00 after roll call was complete.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Grenke requested to move the appointments to the beginning of the agenda, and everyone was in agreement.

Chief Dudgeon introduced Norberto Mendez to the council. He will replace part-time officer Aaron Shelton who was promoted to Sergeant with the Fulton, Missouri, Police Department.

Appointments:

Upon recommendation of Chief Dudgeon, Mayor Grenke appointed Norberto Mendez to the position of part-time police officer with the Centralia Police Department. Alderman Simmons made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Norberto Mendez to the position of part-time police officer with the Centralia Police Department. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Lockett administered the oath of office to

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

Motion was made by Alderman Bormann to accept the consent agenda in its entirety. Alderman Magley 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 \$277,499.57 as follows:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1250
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Ameren (Transmissions)	\$	17,383.11
Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	127,695.22
Boone Electric Cooperative	\$	2,060.07
Central Concrete	\$	1,284.38
CenturyLink (August Phone)	\$	1,311.75
City of Columbia (Landfill charges)	\$	7,629.64
Fletcher Reinhardt Co (Electric Dept Supplies)	\$	1,931.00
Hardesty Construction (Cemetery Mowing)	\$	2,525.00
HD Power Solutions (Elec Dept Supplies)	\$	1,690.60
Huber & Associates (License Adjustment)	\$	1,816.00
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	9,012.43
Midland GIS Solutions (Payment # 3)	\$	4,702.00
MISO	\$	4,098.20
Mississippi Lime (Lime)	\$	3,539.20
MJMEUC (Prairie State Charges)	\$	59,577.72
UMB Bank (Admin Fees/Agent Fees/Misc)	\$	2,014.00
UMB Bank (Park Lease Payment)	\$	13,265.35
Versadial (telephone recording systems for PD)	\$	5,958.00
	TOTAL	\$ 267,493.67
ADDED AFTER GGFC MEETING		
Auto-Owners Insurance (Inland Marine Insurance)	\$	5,942.00
CUSI (Annual Maintenance & Tech Support)	\$	1,850.00
Simon Associates, Inc (Design Development)	\$	2,213.90
	TOTAL	\$ 10,005.90
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 277,499.57

Alderman Wilkins made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$277,499.57. Alderman Bormann 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Sandy Umstaddt – 8750 Lake San Lynn, Centralia
Umstaddt stated that she and her husband had purchased many things through local businesses, and had purchased with a purpose long before it was a program. She also said that they have supported many programs in the town. She came to speak about one episode with the Police Department which involved her husband being pulled over by a Centralia policeman after getting groceries. She said that they were told they were speeding in a school zone, and when they asked the officer about the possibility of a warning he said he could not give a warning because it was a school zone. Umstaddt quoted several cases from the Centralia Fireside Guard in which verbal warnings were issued for speeding in a school zone. She said that the ticket did not have the speed noted, and they were shocked when they saw in the paper that they were going over 15 mph. Umstaddt said that she called the Police Department to talk to Chief Dudgeon and left several messages, but they were not returned. She said that she did talk to Sgt. Bias, and said that he referred her to the City Prosecuting Attorney April Wilson. Umstaddt revealed that she had discussed the matter with Wilson. They did pay the fine, but after reading the court docket they noted that they were the only ones that had paid the fine for the tickets issued that day. Umstaddt said that she attended court on August 26, 2013, and she expressed her disapproval regarding the behavior she witnessed during court of certain City employees. She said she did not feel that the perceived behavior of Dudgeon, Bias and Wilson was professional.

Hearing no more comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE:
A report was emailed from Ginny Zoellers.

Grenke noted that he was pleased to see that some local contestants had won the BBQ contest.

James Smith questioned if there was record as to how much money the BBQ contest cost the City as far as utilities and man hours. Behrns said that it is a public service and is not calculated separately.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None Scheduled

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None Scheduled

Permits and Licenses: None Scheduled

Legal:

RESOLUTION: Policy for Shutoff of Water Services by Customers

Alderman Lee presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2676 to create an ordinance entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA MISSOURI, ADOPTING A FORMAL WRITTEN POLICY CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICES SHUTOFF." Alderman Lee 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. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Lee 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, Lee, Magley, 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 Resolution R-13-04.

ORDINANCE: Establishing Procedure for Penalty Amounts for Delinquent License Taxes

Beck noted that this ordinance mirrors one of the state law changes talked about during a previous meeting. The law now authorizes the city to apply a 5% penalty for licenses that are delinquent up to 25%, but the City has to adopt the ordinance to allow Lockett to apply the penalty. Simmons questioned if this is regarding business licenses. Beck responded that it is regarding business licenses.

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2677 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 16-19.1 TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR PENALTY AMOUNTS FOR DELINQUENT LICENSE TAXES." 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, Lee, Magley, 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 2743.

Beck noted that there could be one more ordinance dealing with Sunday Restaurant/Bar license because of state law changes, but the fee will remain the same which is \$150.

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PURCHASING:

Pad-Mount Transformers

Mark Mustain, Electric Department Foreman, provided bids for 2 pad-mount transformers as follows:

**ELECTRIC DEPT.
Pad Mount Transformer Bid
1 Unit for Lacrosse Lumber, 1 unit for Don Brooks**

ITEM	QTY.	HD Supply		Brownstown Supply		Brownstown Supply		Fletcher/Reinhardt	
		Each	Extend	Each	Extend	Each	Extend	Each	Extend
75 kVA 120/208 Volt New Unit	2	5583.00	\$ 11,166.00	5170.00	\$ 10,340.00	5600.00	\$ 11,200.00	4134.00	\$ 8,268.00
		Mattoon, IL		Brownstown, IN		Brownstown, IN		Bridgeton, MO	
	TOTAL		\$ 11,166.00		\$ 10,340.00		\$ 11,200.00		\$ 8,268.00

Staff recommendation is to purchase the pad-mount transformers from Fletcher/Reinhardt.

After some discussion, Alderman Simmons made a motion to accept the bid from Fletcher/Reinhardt in the amount of \$8268 for the 2 pad-mount transformers. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

Grenke mentioned that he still has a few more people to talk to and should have some more appointments during the next meeting.

Aldermen:

Magley brought up discussion of ways to rectify the situation with Clifford DeLaRosa's dilapidated building. He noted that he had spoken with someone from Prairie Home and they'd had a similar situation in which the person was sent notice that he would be fined if something did not happen with his old building, and questioned if DeLaRosa could be fined.

Beck said that it would be a municipal court matter, and a ticket could be issued for a violation if we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt. Assuming Clifford would have an attorney, and then there would probably be a trial. Grenke asked for thoughts from the Board of Aldermen.

Wilkins stated that the Board had talked about issuing a ticket before and has actually taken him to court on the matter in the past.

There was some discussion regarding the previous court case with DeLaRosa, during which he provided a ledger where he had record of all of the work he had been doing to the building.

Beck pointed out that the City ordinance is based on state law and follows it meticulously, and there is a provision that Behrns has followed and the property owner is given due process rights. There was a hearing, and DeLaRosa produced evidence that he had been working on the project. \$500 is in general the amount of fine for ordinance violations.

Simmons stated that she was under the impression that the City's hands were tied until DeLaRosa stops working on the building or it falls in.

There was discussion regarding the financial responsibility involved in tearing down the building, and several Aldermen said that they would not like to see the City take on that burden if at all possible.

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Wilkins said that he thinks the City owes DeLaRosa at least another visit to see his progress on the items he had indicated that he was going to do to the property.

Grenke noted that he would try to make contact with DeLaRosa and set up a meeting also including Wilkins & Lee. Magley questioned whether or not the City would continue to check on the building to see that DeLaRosa does make progress.

Wilkins said that is what we talked about doing, but before we make determinations on how to precede, he thinks we should wait until we have met with DeLaRosa to see the progress he has made on the building.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

City Clerk:

Lockett mentioned that all of the meeting videos have been uploaded to youtube.com and are also linked on the City's web site.

As May Arise:

Chief Dudgeon discussed some complaints he's received regarding speeding on Remington Street behind Subway, and offered his idea for two solutions:

- 1 Speed bumps
- 2 Speed Zone Remington to reduce the speed in that area to lower than the normal speed limit – like 15 mph.

There was some discussion regarding the speed limit in the area, which is 25 mph, and the difference between a speed zone and a speed limit. Dudgeon said that there is not much difference, and the officers will still write the ticket as normal but have to write "speed zone" on the ticket.

Behrns said that he is not sure he agrees with the distinction between zone and limit, but there are a couple of considerations. He noted that he doesn't have an issue setting a 15 mph speed limit, and he has the authority under the city code to set temporary traffic control devices and suggested that as an option. Eventually the change would have to be followed up with an ordinance. This would be an experimental traffic control device. However, Behrns noted that if the Board does this, he would caution that we will get a great number of other requests from people who want reduced speed limits in their own neighborhood. He said he is willing to post the speed limit at 15 mph, and someone will need to observe that area to see how effective it is.

There was some discussion regarding the specific area on Remington Drive, as Angell pointed out that the area is very congested and wondered about statistics regarding tickets issued or accidents in the area. Bormann was in favor of setting the temporary speed limit to 15 mph, and Wilkins agreed with was worth a try.

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 8:01 p.m.



Heather Lockett, City Clerk