

Mayor Pro Tem Lee called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Don Bormann, James Lee, Landon Magley and Andrea Vollrath answered roll call.

Absent: Aldermen David Wilkins and Dick Ward

Also present were City Administrator Matthew Harline, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Ron Beard, Brenda Magley, Beverly Moffat, Carol Sharp, Adam Brown and Kevin French

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Pro Tem Lee 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 \$310,903.82 as follows:

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1250**

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Ameren (Transmission Charges)	\$23,808.26
CenturyLink	\$1,296.41
City Of Columbia (landfill charges)	\$8,399.52
Environmental Management Solutions	\$3,500.00
Hardesty Construction (Cemetery Mowing)	\$2,525.00
Illinois Power Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$141,401.23
Independent Salt	\$1,444.65
MISO (Monthly & Transmission Charges)	\$5,218.06
MJMEUC (Prairie State Charges)	\$74,301.87
UMB Bank (Library GO Bond Pmt)	\$2,800.00
UMB Bank (MAMU 08 Elect Substation Lease Pmt)	\$12,943.99
William Keepers (Final Audit Billing )	\$5,299.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$282,937.99</b>

**ADDED AFTER GGFC MEETING**

Asplundh Tree Expert Co (Crews/Chipper /Lift Trk)	\$2,516.95
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Blu Tower	\$2,026.20
Butler Supply (Electric Dept Supplies)	\$4,799.92
Cummins Mid South (Generator Maintenance Agreements)	\$2,113.93
Lanit (Computer ,Microsoft Office Home Business)	\$3,895.00
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$8,977.83
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$24,329.83</b>
<b>ADDED TODAY</b>	
Mississippi Lime	\$3,636.00
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$310,903.82</b>

Alderman Bormann made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$310,903.82. Alderman Vollrath 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 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Lee.

Carol Sharp – 915 Mystic Drive

Sharp said she wanted to discuss the feral cat problem in town and noted that there was a discrepancy regarding whether or not Mrs. Kelly actually owns the cats. Sharp feels that the cats are now causing damage. She recalled that that someone during the previous meeting had said that the Board would need some time to write an ordinance, and she discussed the City Code already in place. Sharp brought some information regarding which diseases & illnesses can be caused by feral cats that she would like to have submitted into the official minutes. (The document is included in the official meeting packet.) Sharp presented included the following:

Diseases - rabies, fleas, ticks, intestinal microorganisms, toxoplasmosis, cat scratch fever, allergies, feline leukemia, feline distemper, secondary bacterial infections, ear mites, ringworm, respiratory infections, and feline HIV.

Hearing no further comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

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

Bormann – there was no chamber meeting this month so there is nothing to report.

Sharp asked what happens regarding the feral cats now, and if there would be a discussions regarding the feral cats. There was some discussion as to whether or not the cat issue will be addressed at this time. Harline stated that no ordinance to be adopted tonight, and the current plan is to enforce the City ordinances already in place. There was some discussion regarding finding a solution to the issue that would satisfy the parties involved. Alderman Lee told Sharp that her comments did not fall on deaf ears and the City will be continuing to enforce the ordinances. Harline said that some of the cats have been caught in the area already, but Mrs. Kelly is under the impression that someone is shooting the cats. He noted that he is certainly not accusing anyone here, and said that the authorities do have the right to protect the animals from violence. He has not seen the cats to know the extent of the injuries. Chief Dudgeon said that the Police Department has stepped up on catching the cats more so than ever before and will continue to do so as long as it's needed. This might not be the only area, and will continue to do that in the best humane way possible. There was some further discussion regarding property damage and who would be responsible if the feral cats did damage someone's property and the definition of "owning" a cat per the City Code. Harline is to schedule a meeting with both parties to see if a resolution can be reached.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Setting Property Tax Rates for 2014**

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The public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Harline introduced the proposed tax changes and explained the rules placed on the City per the Hancock amendment. The property tax rate for the City and Parks & Recreation matches the allowable rate set by the State Auditor, and the Library rate was voted on during the April election.

Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

**ACTION AGENDA:**

**Finance:**

**ORDINANCE: Setting Property Tax Rates for 2014**

Beck gave his legal opinion regarding voting on the following ordinances, and suggested that Lee can be counted for a quorum. Since there are four aldermen present and mayor is out of the office, he recommended Lee operate as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting, but vote on the ordinance as alderman and allow Mayor Grenke to sign the ordinances.

Alderman Vollrath presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2717 to create an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES, FOR MAINTENANCE AND THE SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY, FOR DEBT SERVICE OF OUTSTANDING LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING FREE PUBLIC PARKS.” Alderman Vollrath 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 Vollrath 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 Pro Tem then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Vollrath moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. The Mayor Pro Tem called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Lee, Magley, and Vollrath. 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 2779.

**Permits and Licenses: None Scheduled**

**Legal:**

**ORDINANCE: Authorizing Voluntary Annexation of Property by Thomas Patton and R. Eileen Patton**

Beck noted that there had been a public hearing regarding this annexation last month and it was also presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission. No one has contested the voluntary annexation and it has been given the proper amount of time.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2718 to create an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS UNINCORPORATED AREA INTO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.” 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 Magley 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 Magley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor Pro Tem then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Bormann moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. The Mayor Pro Tem called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Lee, Magley, and Vollrath. Voting AGAINST: None. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the

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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 2780.

**ORDINANCE: Establishing Zoning for Land Proposed for Voluntary Annexation by Thomas Patton and R. Eileen Patton as B-2 (Highway Business District)**

Beck said the following ordinance would be the companion ordinance to one just now adopted. He said that now that the property has been brought into the City it would be recommended to zone it to be consistent with all property around it, which is B-2. Beck thought it would be in order to adopt this ordinance to be zoned B-2 just like the property around it.

Harline said that just like the ordinance before this one, the zoning had also gone before the Planning & Zoning Commission. There has been a public hearing and no one has opposed the zoning.

Alderman Magley presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2719 to create an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ZONING OF CERTAIN LAND BROUGHT INTO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI BY ANNEXATION; AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY.” Alderman Magley 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 Vollrath and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Magley moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Vollrath and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor Pro Tem then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Magley moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. The Mayor Pro Tem called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Lee, Magley, and Vollrath. 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 2781.

**PURCHASING: None Scheduled**

Harline said that there is a scheduled a visit with Ethan with Midland GIS to look at some points in the cemetery. We’re having a little difficulty matching the reality of the ground to the map. In order for Ethan to help with this issue, there would be an additional cost of \$1,000, which would be under \$1250 but Harline would like to get the Board’s approval to proceed with extending the contract.

Alderman Bormann made the motion to approve the additional mapping for the cemetery on the GIS system to be done by Midland GIS for an additional \$1,000. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor:**

**Appointments:**

**Aldermen: None**

**City Administrator:**

Harline said he had spoken with Connie Kelly and Carol Sharp regarding the feral cat issue prior to the meeting and would like to get everyone together to sit down to come up with a solution to prevent property damage that doesn’t involve killing the cats.

**City Attorney:**

**City Clerk:**

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**As May Arise:**

Magley questioned if a matter he talked to Harline about regarding a business license issue had been taken care of. Harline said that the City has proceeded with what we can do legally, and it has not been taken care of as of yet.

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

Meeting recess the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



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Heather Lockett, City Clerk