

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Don Bormann, James Lee, Andrea Vollrath, Dick Ward and David Wilkins answered roll call.

Absent: Alderman Landon Magley

Also present were City Administrator Matt Harline, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Bill Miller, Jack Chance

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

BATTLEFIELD REENACTMENT REPORT:

Jack Chance – Friends of Centralia Battlefield

Chance gave a report on the battlefield reenactment, and said they had originally had three things in mind with the event; to bring people to Centralia, provide history, and give good, fresh entertainment. They'd been looking to raise around \$45,000 for the event, and the City provided \$20,000 of that total. Chance said he was happy to report that they only used \$8,000 of that amount. As far as the end results: reenactors said that it was one of the most attended reenactments they'd been to and the spectators seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Jim Lee presented the budget report from the reenactment and provided a copy to each of the board members. Several items ended up being donated for the event. Stage was borrowed from the park dept. There were several speakers that worked for free. They paid the musicians and script writer. Rodgers Rental provided a lot of stuff at a very reasonable cost. Spent \$2,500 on t-shirts and have several left over that are still for sale. There was a staged train robbery. The cost does not include the multiple dollars donated in in-kind items (volunteer labor, dumpsters from City, etc) \$42,320 cost. Income: \$28,357 cash sponsorships, parking fees \$7,424, Vendor Registrations \$450, gun raffle \$1,460, sales of t-shirts & misc items \$2812, Proceeds from BBQ fundraiser \$4,861. The budgeted amount was \$46,700.

Bill Miller reported that many people said that they saw the advertising on the TV and said that advertising in Columbia brought in more people as well.

Chance noted that the Columbia Visitors Bureau donated \$5000. The Missourian went out of their way and sent 5-6 people to cover the event.

Lee said that early in the planning stages the event didn't seem like it was going very quickly, but once the City donated the \$20,000 it seems to start the ball rolling on the project.

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 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 \$305,901.27 as follows:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1250

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| Ameren (Transmission Charges) | \$22,554.44 |
| Arkansas Electric Coop (Triplex Wire) | \$1,597.00 |
| Boone Electric Cooperative | \$1,478.47 |
| CenturyLink | \$1,423.94 |
| City of Columbia (Landfill charges Sept 2014) | \$8,125.54 |
| Hardesty Construction (Cemetery Mowing) | \$2,525.00 |
| Illinois Power Marketing (Wholesale Electric) | \$116,080.10 |
| MJMEUC (Prairie State Charges) | \$75,754.55 |
| T & J Restoration & Waterproofing | \$37,272.00 |
| Water & Sewer | \$1,427.83 |
| TOTAL | \$268,238.87 |

ADDED AFTER GGFC MEETING

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| Armor Equipment (20 Poly Carts) | \$1,400.00 |
| City of Columbia (Landfill charges October 2014) | \$8,208.76 |
| MFA Oil (Fuel) | \$7,274.50 |
| MISO (Monthly & Transmission Charges) | \$4,332.68 |
| UMB Bank (MAMU 08 Elect Substation Lease Pmt) | \$12,879.71 |
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| TOTAL: | \$34,095.65 |

ADDED TODAY

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| CUSI (Annual Maintenance) | \$2,050.00 |
| H S Supply Waterworks (Water Dept Supplies) | \$1,516.75 |
| | \$3,566.75 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$305,901.27 |

Alderman Wilkins made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$305,901.27. 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 7:18 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Hearing no 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 DIRECTOR:

The report from the Chamber of Commerce was provided in the meeting packet and included a financial report as well as the minutes.

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Smith asked about a line item in the Chamber Assets that lists the Martinsburg BBQ. Bormann clarified that the checking account is at Martinsburg Bank for the BBQ contest. Smith questioned where the CD's are held, and Bormann said they are located at the other banks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None Scheduled

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None Scheduled

Permits and Licenses: None Scheduled

Legal:

Harline gave some background regarding the Centurylink settlement, and said that several other cities filed suit against CenturyLink who has been paying the telecommunications tax under protest. The judge ordered in the favor of the municipalities. The ordinance lists the amount of settlement the City of Centralia is entitled to.

Bormann asked if this is this the only settlement, and Harline said he believes that there are some other active cases going on. There is a case with Aurora and some other cities with CenturyLink – this case is asking for a ruling on what's called EUCL and there are some similar issues being discussed. There is a very small chance that the case could come back interfere with our ability to collect the tax in the future.

Beck said that the \$24,845.36 shown in the ordinance is what is shown on the settlement agreement. He said that he did read a headline that said that there were some issues with other cities that might delay the receipt of the money, but would think we should receive the money in January. A certified copy of the ordinance needs to be sent by the first part of November.

ORDINANCE: Approving a Settlement Agreement with CenturyLink, Accepting the Back Tax Payment and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Settlement Agreement and Any Other Appropriate Documents on Behalf of the City of Centralia

Alderman Lee presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2724 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTURYLINK, ACCEPTING THE BACK TAX PAYMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIAL(S) OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." 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. Alderman Lee 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 Lee 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, Lee, Vollrath, Ward 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 2785.

RESOLUTION: Adopting a Policy Resolution to Establish a Formal Policy Concerning the Rehabilitation of Sidewalks

Beck said that there is an agreement that follows along with the policy that does deal with public sidewalks but not private sidewalks.

Harline noted that the City has been doing this for some time, but there wasn't a written policy. This resolution would establish a policy to help citizens financially to replace the public sidewalks. The form would allow Harline to sign if the amount is under \$1250, anything over that amount would need the Mayor's signature also.

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Alderman Ward presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2725 to create an ordinance entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA MISSOURI, ADOPTING A FORMAL WRITTEN POLICY REGARDING THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS.” Alderman Ward moved that it be placed on its first and only 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. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Ward 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, Lee, Vollrath, Ward 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-14-09.

Harline noted that this resolution becomes policy #24 for the City.

PURCHASING:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Agreement with Luebbert Engineering for Engineering Services Related to the Application for a Safe Routes to School Grant

There was some discussion regarding the previous work that Luebbert Engineering had done for the City in the past, specifically the Switzler Street project.

Alderman Wilkins presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2726 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 LUEBBERT ENGINEERING OF JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE APPLICATION FOR A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT.” 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 Lee 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 Bormann seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Lee, Vollrath, Ward 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 2786.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bormann asked where we were with an ordinance doing something with having pets at anchor fest. Beck responded that he was not aware of the request. Bormann said several people would like to restrict them, other than service dogs. Beck asked if this would only apply to Anchor Fest. Bormann responded that it would pertain to all other community events, and would be for all pets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

Appointments:

Mayor Grenke re-appointed LeeAllen Smith to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the City of Centralia for a term of 5 years ending in 2019. Alderman Bormann made a motion to accept the Mayor’s re-appointment of LeeAllen Smith to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the City of Centralia for a term of 5 years. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Grenke appointed Harvey Million to the Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Patt Olsen with the City of Centralia for a term ending in 2018. Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Harvey Million to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the City of Centralia for a term ending in 2018. Alderman Lee seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke re-appointed Don Copenhaver to the Board of Commissioners of the EEZ for a term of 5 years ending in 2019. Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Don Copenhaver to the Board of Commissioners of the EEZ for a term of 5 years ending in 2019. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke re-appointed Tom Elsbury to the EEZ Commission with the City of Centralia for a term of 5 years ending in 2019. Alderman Bormann made a motion to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Tom Elsbury to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the City of Centralia for a term of 5 years. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Grenke announced that the CHS Cheerleading team took first in State, and he will ask them to come in on November 3, 2014, and will present them with a proclamation.

Grenke also asked everyone to keep the CHS volleyball team in our thoughts as they are doing well this season.

Aldermen:

Wilkins said he would like to make a correction to something that was in the newspaper; it was stated that he said when paying the bill online, people would not be able to fill out the survey. He said that he meant that if you are doing everything electronically it's not as easy in the process to just fill out the survey and send it in, but that certainly does not exclude those paying online from filling out the survey.

City Administrator:

Have gotten a couple of letters to the city about people who are upset about the storm water situation north of Hwy 22, specifically attorneys with Prenger's and the Baca's, and they've requested a meeting. He thinks he can invite all parties together for a meeting to see if a mutual solution can be accomplished. It is an issue and might be time to start having a discussion in what role the people want the city to take. He can advertise a public meeting, but was thinking more of a meeting with staff and the mayor.

Lee asked if Harline thought that the parties think it is a recent issue. Harline said that the construction of the new lumber yard intensified the situation. Lee pointed out that there has been a population of cattails on that property for a long time and you don't grow cattails in a nine month period.

Smith questioned if the City is actually named as party in the suit, and Harline responded that he has not seen a lawsuit. Beck stated that the City has not been served any papers. Smith asked what exactly the attorneys want from the city. Grenke said he feels it's more of a facts finding inquiry. Harline responded that they want the problem solved but what they're asking for we don't have the legal authority to do or the funding to do. The Baca's attorney is wanting a meeting, and he believes that the Prenger's attorney is looking for the same thing.

City Attorney:

Beck stated that he is in agreement with what Harline said, and is not aware of a law suit involving the city. There is no state or federal law, and no city ordinance requiring the city to take action, but it is a good idea to get the parties together to find a solution. He noted that this issue originated prior to Harline taking over, and it goes back for quite some time.

City Clerk:

There will be a reception for Bill Miller for his 43 years of service with the City on October 21, 2014, from 5 – 7 p.m. in the community room.

As May Arise:

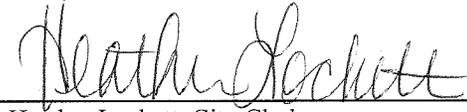
Dudgeon said that Kiwanis will be planting trees in the city park this Saturday, October 25th for anyone that wants to attend.

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Grenke asked how close the City is to sending another packet to Sullivan, and Beck said that he is very close.

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

Meeting recess the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Lockett", written over a horizontal line.

Heather Lockett, City Clerk