

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

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

Absent: None

Also present were City Administrator Matt Harline, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Mark Mustain, Phil Hoffman

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

The Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Hearing no comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Alderman Bormann moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting as provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys, and preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of the City of Centralia or its representatives for negotiation with an employee group under Section 610.021 (9) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Alderman Bormann 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, Lee, Magley, Vollrath, Ward and Wilkins. AGAINST: None. The board went into closed session at 7:02 p.m.

During the closed session only legal issues were discussed and no action was taken.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

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

The board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement to Provide Legal Services for the City of Centralia in the Case of Kevin Prenger et. al. v. La Crosse Lumber Company et. al.

Alderman Lee presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2735 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI LAW FIRM OF BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI IN THE CASE OF KEVIN PRENGER, ET. AL. V. LA CROSSE LUMBER COMPANY, ET. AL. AND SETTING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR SAID SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL." 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 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 Wilkins and

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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, Magley, 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 2795.

Harline noted that the Board had three different lawyers indicate interest in representing the City on the case, and Diana Carter at this firm was the best choice of the three. Smith questioned why the City would need to be hiring an attorney. Harline answered that since this case is an inversed condemnation case and requires a more specific kind of law, and even though Merritt could do represent the City, it is better to get an attorney that is familiar with this type of law. Beck agreed and said that additional compensation would be due him if he were to take on this case as well. He pointed out that MOPERM does not offer counsel under our insurance. Harline added that Diana Carter has represented the City in other cases under MOPERM and is good to have that is already someone familiar with the City.

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Transportation Enhancement Program Funds

Harline said this was an agreement with MO Highway and Transportation authority, which is part of MODOT. They are offering the City a portion of the federal transportation funds, and this money will go towards the Jefferson Street sidewalk project.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2736 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 MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS.” 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 Wilkins 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 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 Bormann 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, Magley, 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 2796.

As May Arise:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Heather Russell, City Clerk