

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

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

Absent: Alderman David Wilkins

Also present were City Administrator Matt Harline, City Attorney Merritt Beck, and Police Chief Larry Dudgeon

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.

James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Adopting the Agenda for the Board of Aldermen – Recessed Meeting August 31, 2015

There was some discussion regarding the need to adopt the agenda each meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Grenke appointed Taylor A. Tarwater & Brandon Copenhaver to full-time officer positions with the Centralia Police Department upon recommendation of Chief Dudgeon. Alderman Lee made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Taylor A. Tarwater & Brandon Copenhaver to full-time officer positions with the Centralia Police Department. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke appointed Gabe Martinez to the Industrial Development Authority to replace Drew Umstadd for a term of 5 years beginning September 1, 2015. Alderman Bormann made a motion to accept the mayor's appointment Gabe Martinez to the Industrial Development Authority for a term of 5 years. Alderman Ward 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 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Setting Property Tax Rates for 2015

The public hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Harline said the City had received no comments for or against setting the property rates. He attended meetings for the Library and Park boards. The Library board has asked not to raise the tax rate at this time, in order to build community support. The Park Board is looking at trying to refinance and complete some additional projects, and they would like to raise the rates. The majority preferred to raise the rate. As for the City general fund, there was no comment during prior public hearing and this hearing was advertised more than a week in advance.

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Alderman Ward presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2768 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2015 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 Ward 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. Ward made a motion to offer the amended version of the bill to keep the rates the same as the previous year. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lee. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion failed unanimously. Alderman Ward moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lee 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 Ward moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Vollrath 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, and Ward. 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 2824.

Purchasing: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

City Administrator:

Harline pointed out that a copy of letter he sent to Clifford Delarosa was in the Board member's mailboxes. He said he'd mentioned the letter and wanted to have a copy for the Alderman and Mayor.

City Attorney:

City Clerk:

AS MAY ARISE

Chief Dudgeon said he'd gotten notification from Senator Blunt's office that CPD's bullet proof vest grant was approved this year.

PW & PU will meet at Sept 8th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Grenke said that Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper James Bava had been killed in an accident on FF highway last Friday while on duty, and he would like to observe a moment of silence in his honor. Everyone observed a moment of silence.

Grenke thanked the Police Department for their service to our community and extended his appreciation for the job that they do.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Heather Russell, City Clerk