

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 6:3 p.m.

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

Absent: Aldermen Landon Magley and Dick Ward

Also present was City Administrator Matt Harline

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 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Hearing no comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

PUBLIC HEARING: Setting the Property Tax rate for 2017 for General revenue Purposes, for Maintenance and Support of the Library, and for Establishing and Maintaining Free Public Parks

The public hearing for setting the property tax rate for 2017 for General Revenue purposes, for maintenance and support of the library, and for establishing and maintaining free public parks was opened at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Harline stated that he had received no comments in writing or verbal in favor or against this issue. He said he had spoken with the Library Board and Park Dept. and each said they would like to have the property tax rate remain as is, which the highest amount allowable is.

Hearing no further comments, public hearing for setting the property tax rate for 2017 for General Revenue purposes, for maintenance and support of the library, and for establishing and maintaining free public parks was closed at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Legal:

ORDINANCE: Setting the Property Tax rate for 2017 for General revenue Purposes, for Maintenance and Support of the Library, and for Establishing and Maintaining Free Public Parks

Alderman Vollrath presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2175 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION K TO SECTION 19-2 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT VEHICLE PARKING IN YARDS." 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 Wilkins 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 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 Vollrath 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: Lee, Rodgers, Vollrath, 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 2915.

Purchasing:

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Task Order with Bartlett & West, Inc. for Engineering Services related to developing a Wastewater Facility Plan for the City of Centralia in Conjunction with a Small Communities Engineering Assistance Program (SCAEP) Grant

Harline said the resolution was approved at the last meeting authorizing the mayor to sign the task order, but this task order is specifically for \$62,500. The grant should cover \$50,000 and the remaining amount is included in this year's budget for the sewer department. Harline said we are waiting for DNR to give us a final verdict on the blue lines that pass through several of the farmer's fields. If those blue lines are removed, we can make a plan that will be less expensive. If they are not removed, we are looking to spend \$10-\$15 million in the future.

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor of the City of Centralia, Missouri, to sign a Task Order with Bartlett & West, Inc. for engineering services related to developing a wastewater facility plan for the City of Centralia in conjunction with a Small Communities Engineering Assistance Program (SCAEP) Grant. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Approving the bid of Ray Lindsey Company in the amount of \$15,083 for parts and labor to repair the scraper in primary clarifier at the Water Plant

Harline explained that this scraper is located in the clarifier at the water plant and it has stopped moving. He said one option, which is recommended by staff, is to make the necessary repairs that will restore the water quality to what it was two weeks ago. He said Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Mike Forsee had reported the water is currently at 180 parts per million and is usually at 150 parts per million. He discussed some of the repairs needed at the water plant, and Bartlett and West will be looking at recommending a bond issue in April to help with some of the costs. He discussed some of the other funding options, including a state loan. He said we are looking at somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2.4 million in repairs. Rodgers questioned what make the City ineligible to get a grant. Harline said the City would need to be charging residents 2% of the median household income per year in sewer charges and we are currently charging about a quarter of that.

Alderman Vollrath made a motion to approve the bid of Ray Lindsey Company in the amount of \$15,083 for parts and labor to repair the scraper in primary clarifier at the water plant. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Approving the bid of Wireless USA in the amount of \$3,465.00 for parts and labor to repair the antenna for the public works radio network.

Harline said the City has already spent \$1800 on a new repeater. When they tried to install it, there was a reading that it would burn out the repeater due to a short in the system. They don't know exactly where the short is, but it is better to replace the antenna. The trip up the tower is about \$2,000 of the total, and it is a safety necessity.

Alderman Lee made a motion to approve the bid of Wireless USA in the amount of \$3,465.00 for parts and labor to repair the antenna for the public works radio network. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

AS MAY ARISE

Mayor Grenke appointed Rusty Baker to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone for a term to expire November 2019 to replace Tom Elsbury. Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Rusty Baker for a term to expire November 2019 to replace Tom Elsbury. Alderman Lee seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Harline said the Board should discuss when to have the next Board meeting, as we need at least one week to advertise for the community development block grant. The meeting would need to be on September 11, 2017. Grenke said he would not be in attendance on the 11th due to a conflict with the MML Conference. Harline said if the Board meeting is put off to the 18th it delays the grant going in.

City of Centralia
Board Minutes – August 30, 2017

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting and set the next meeting date to September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Heather Russell, City Clerk