

## **Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, November 10, 2014.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilkins at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Magley, Ward, Vollrath, Wilkins, Bormann, and Lee; also attending were Matt Harline, Gabe Martinez, Fire Chief Rusch, Police Chief Dudgeon and James Smith of the Centralia Fireside Guard.

Those present participated in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

None.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### City Prosecutor

No report. Grenke asked if the police were still doing the training with the City Prosecutor. Chief Dudgeon answered that they tried to but it gets expensive.

#### Police Department

Wilkins asked for comments and questions about the Activity Report and there were none. Mayor noted decrease from last year in terms of October to October. The Chief noted that over all we are up substantially for the year as a whole. Chairman Wilkins asked about getting the data in an Excel chart. The Chief noted a new coffee maker was purchased in town. Wilkins asked about how many cameras we had. The Chief said that we have three. One had been sent back for repairs so maybe it was two.

#### Fire Department

Noted the department had responded to call for dead batteries in a smoke detector. Rusch said they were working on bids from the grocery stores for treats for Christmas. Halloween was slow this year. Rusch noted they have to buy a bunch of radio batteries as they died all at once perhaps because they were purchased all at once. This will likely exceed the \$1,250 limit.

#### Emergency Management

Harline reported that the first meeting of the Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan update group is this Friday and he continues to attend the LEPC meetings as well.

#### Protective Inspection

Harline reported there were 36 houses for sale and probably at least as many lots.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE**

#### Economic Development

Gabe Martinez, President of the CREDI Board reported that they were working hard on the January Fundraiser at Nic and Noah's. They are working on getting a grant to bring a train car to Centralia. At the next REDI meeting they have a speaker coming to talk to them about how he was able to have a successful hotel in Shelbina. Harline reported that REDI had approached them with a very tentative lead on a new business. Harline and Martinez had invited Stacey Button the new Executive Director of REDI to attend a meeting once she gets started in Columbia.

#### Park Board

Wilkins stated that there was a report and minutes from the last meeting of the Park Board.

Harline reported to the Committee that the Park Board wanted to name the road through the park. Harline had contacted Boone County Planning and will contact Public Safety/Joint Communications about naming the street "Janey Drive" officially. The request is to name the street after Janey Enlow. Grenke explained that this was the street that started from Head Street. Harline said we could even allow us to address shelters and assist in emergency dispatch.

#### Cemetery Report

Harline noted that name tags would not be attached to each flag pole due to the extreme cold to avoid breaking the plastic tags which might become brittle.

#### Tree Board Report

Grenke and Chief Dudgeon reported on the planting of trees primarily by the Kiwanis Club in the City Square. They used an old planting map from about 1992 and tried to replace any trees planted and lost since then.

#### Library Board

The Chairman noted that the minutes and agenda for the next meeting were in the packet.

#### September Financial Statements

Harline noted that we were up 2% ahead of last year. Even the utilities and gross receipts are doing well.

#### Bills over \$1,250

The Committee reviewed the bills without comment.

#### Other General Government

Harline addressed the Council with the idea of making the GIS information on utility locations available to individuals who would be able to use the information in their business. This had come up during the recent discussion with the owner of the Cobblestone Lake Estates property. Wilkins asked if this would be read-only access and Harline stated that was correct. Harline also explained that this would not include public safety layers.

We are still seeking bids to replace the furnace in the community room of City Hall, Harline stated. Bormann and Chief Dudgeon recommended Ray Robinson be contacted. Harline said he is looking into options for phone systems and phone service. We can buy phones (handsets) to prolong the length of the current phone system, but it would be nice to have voicemail and have a better after-hours auto attendant and be able to transfer calls and maybe free up two more lines in certain circumstances. The plan would be to send out an actual RFP. There are also lots of other new options. In response to a question from Grenke, Harline said that you can buy replacement phones for \$140. The replacement system would be between \$5,000 and \$15,000. The phones alone might cost around \$4,000.

#### OTHER

None.

#### AS MAY ARISE

Harline noted that there will be a meeting this Thursday of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the final plat of Phase Three of Cobblestone Lake Estates.

Grenke noted that the flags will be taken down at 3:00pm on Wednesday the 12th. Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the City Square, the VFW Veteran's celebration will be held.

ADJOURN

Vollrath made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Magley which was approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:35pm.

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