

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, May 11, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Wilkins at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Wilkins, and Aldermen Magley, Ward, Vollrath, Lee and Bormann. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Pat Olsen, Vicky Wilson, John Baker, Stephanie Green, Russ Green, Lorry Myers, James Smith of the Fireside Guard,

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wilkins asked all present to recognize a moment of silence for the passing of Mayor, Tim Grenke's father James Grenke.

Comments from Citizens

None.

Presentation by John Baker of the Community Foundation of Central Missouri (CFCM)

Baker made a presentation about his organization (the Community Foundation of Central Missouri - CFCM) and the benefits that a community foundation can offer to Centralia. Baker started by explaining that philanthropy was needed to augment tax dollars. Baker noted that one possibility was a "community chest" concept, developed and incorporated in Centralia with a dedicated board. Baker also described the affiliate concept where the CFCM would act as the administrator of the fund. Baker described a bubble of wealth that exists with the generation born from 1915 – 1935 that includes \$3.14 billion of transferable wealth in Boone County that will be bequeathed in the next five years. Baker described unrestricted and targeted fund options. Baker asked for questions. Baker replied in answer to a question from Harline that they do assist with teaching fundraising skills techniques but do not conduct any fundraising for clients. Pat Olsen asked about using community foundation funds for matching funds for grant requests. Baker said it would be possible if the fund was set up that way.

Library Board

Wilkins asked if there were any objections to moving the Library up in the agenda. Since there was no objection, Pat Olsen addressed the Committee next. Olsen distributed copies of the Library Annual Report and reviewed it with the Committee. Olsen described changes made to the physical set up of the library including a new quiet reading room. Olsen reported that there were 4,380 patrons and they used 75,646 materials during the year. Olsen reported that the library received star status again this year. Olsen described the increased use of e-books, test proctoring, and other technological aids. Olsen noted that three members of the Board will be stepping down and new ones will need to be appointed. Olsen announced that her service as Library Director would be ending in June 2015. Olsen reported that the Library had chosen a replacement for her and it is Becky Wilson who she introduced to the Committee. Olsen replied in response to a question that the report will be online at www.centraliapubliclibrary.com/. Becky Wilson briefly addressed the Committee and expressed her excitement about her opportunity to keep things moving forward.

Police Department

Wilkins asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and there were none.

Sale of fireworks within the city limits: Harline noted that City Attorney Beck had drafted a potential ordinance for discussion tonight. Harline noted that current City Code does not, in fact, ban the

sale but restricts the sale to a very short period of time. Harline noted that there was some discussion without agreement between himself and Mr. Beck about whether or not a business license could be required. Harline noted that it might be necessary to describe what zoning categories were appropriate for the sale of fireworks. Bormann stated that he would like to know where Boone County allowed the sale by zoning designation. Harline said that he felt B-2 and M-1 would be appropriate. Wilkins and Lee suggested that we might give first choice to non-profit groups. Bormann wanted to know if they require a business license in Boone County and in what zoning district they should be allowed. Wilkins asked about the ordinance that had been discussed last week. Harline noted that it was from Blue Springs and it stated that all but one of 40 or so licenses should be allotted to non-profits. Lee noted that he had found that online during the meeting and reading further in that code he found that unused permits were then available to for-profits. Harline and Lee discussed the state and Federal requirements on fireworks sales. Bormann asked about signage and Harline described the signage already in the code. Lee and Bormann said that with the state requirements it is probably not possible to have this ready for this year. In response to a question Chief Dudgeon felt limiting the number of permits would be valuable to make it easier to keep track of sales and monitor the safety of the sites. After discussion the Committee suggested five permits be allowed. Wilkins suggested that if we bump against that number we could review the ordinance again.

Other Chief Dudgeon noted that Alyson Brooks has accepted a job with the Missouri Police Chiefs Association in Jefferson City and will be leaving at the end the school year after five years of service. Dudgeon reported that he is working with Dudgeon reported that MULES will be increasing their rate about \$25/month and will begin charging the City on a quarterly basis which will mean it will show up on the Over \$1,250 list.

Fire Department

Wilkins asked for comments and questions on the Activity Report and there were none. Wilkins noted the large number of EMS calls. Harline asked if the change in the relationship with the Boone County Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was related to the increase in calls and Chief Rusch said it was not.

Fire Truck purchase update: Harline gave an update on the RFP for the mini-pumper truck. He asked the BCFPD to review the bid for any language that might be vendor specific in the draft by Banner. He has not yet received their comments back but plans to initiate the RFP next week regardless. Harline noted that the City of Columbia offered to provide information for other vendors and Harline will use those to invite others to send in proposals.

Emergency Management

Harline noted that the Hazard Mitigation Plan process was winding down and would be ready for presentation soon. Harline noted that there was a recommendation to keep a source of funding for hazard mitigation equipment like storm sirens and that the Plan will need to be approved by the Board sometime this fall.

Protective Inspection

Adding in-home catering to list of conditional uses in R-3. Harline explained that a letter had been sent to the City about opening an in-home catering business and after reviewing the allowed and permitted uses he felt that in-home catering was a reasonable request. Bormann asked if it wouldn't be considered a traditional home-based business like making hot sauce. Harline reviewed the code and agreed that there would be no need to amend the Code.

Review of City Sign Regulations. Harline explained that he had received a series of requests for signs recently and found little guidance in B-1 and M-1, especially on temporary signs. Recently he had a request for a temporary type of sign as a permanent sign. Harline noted that Lynn Behrns had taken a couple of swipes at this and the last version was included in the packet. After a discussion of the current ordinances Harline asked if the Committee would let him draft an ordinance to clarify some of the requirements in B-1, M-1 and on temporary signs.

Other Harline noted that MFA had applied for a building permit for a new grain storage facility and he had noticed that the Code had a height limit of 100 feet. Harline noted that Moberly, Columbia, Mexico and Fulton all had either no limit or special exemptions for grain elevators. Bormann asked if the current elevator was in excess of the limit. Harline said that it was close, but that if it had been built before 1961, it would be grandfathered. Bormann asked if this would have to go through the Planning & Zoning Commission and Harline replied that it would.

Economic Development

CREDI Lorry Myers made the CREDI report. Myers reminded the Committee that the CREDI Board was being reconstituted and the City, School District and Chamber of Commerce will be naming representative. She reviewed the discussion of the last CREDI meeting noting that bringing a hotel to town remains a high priority for the Board and an action item. Myers reported that the Centralia Alumni Association banquet may not return next year owing to the fact that the planners were losing interest and the next generation of planners was not coming forward. Myers stated that she was sad that an event that brought 300 – 400 people to town might be going away.

Bormann noted that there was a report from the Chamber in the packet as well. Harline reported that the street, water and electric supervisors were going to meet with the Chamber the next day to review needs for Anchor Fest.

Park Department

Wilkins noted that several sets of minutes and the agenda for the next meeting were included in the packet. Harline added that the Park would be approaching the Committee and Board with their plans to refinance at a later date.

Cemetery Advisory Committee

No report.

Tree Board

No report.

Finance

Financial statements for April 2015 were in the agenda packet. Harline had nothing unusual to highlight. Harline noted that we are now recording as a separate line item for overtime.

Bills over \$1,250

Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250 totaling \$319,171.48 without comment.

Other General Government

Harline reported to the Committee about his recent investigation of the feasibility of painting lines for angle parking for vehicles on the north side of Railroad Street between Allen and Rollins. Harline noted the he had been working today with Phil Hoffman (Street Supervisor) and that with angle parking, at 45 degree angles it left a driving lane of just under 21 feet, exactly as Lynn had reported.

Harline noted that even with parallel parking it was tight squeeze for a tractor trailer travelling south on Allen to turn left on to Railroad to head east. Harline stated that he could recommend angle parking if we removed the first one and a half spaces or leave it for three months and see how much need there actually was. Either way he thought it would be good to purchase signs that make it clear that the parking at Allen and Railroad is free and open to the public. Bormann asked if there was signage now. Harline reported the signage now stated that there was no parking allowed from 12:01am and 6:00am. Russ Green addressed the Committee to note that he felt that angle parking would be his preference and that there was no need to have an arbitrary observation period that might hurt businesses. Harline said he could live with angle parking. Green said that he would work with the City either way. Bormann noted that a 21 foot driving lane was adequate. Chief Dudgeon recommended that it might be a good idea to leave it the way it was until after Anchor Fest. Lee asked about changing the angle and Harline replied that the 45 degree angle was the staff recommendation. The Committee recommended painting 45 degree angle parking on the north side of Allen sometime after June 1, 2015.

As May Arise

Bid for Water Tap Connector at Cobblestone Lake Estates Harline described the bids and reported that staff recommends accepting the bid of Midwest Meters. **Bormann made a motion that Magley seconded to approve the bid of Midwest Meter for \$4,087.82 for meter insertions at Cobblestone Lake Estates.**

Harline reported that he would be bringing an updated mutual aid agreement forward at the Board meeting between the City and MPUA for assistance during natural disasters and the like.

Vollrath moved that the Committee adjourn. Magley seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.