

## **Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, November 14, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman David Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

Present also were Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, Dick Ward, Jim Lee and Mayor, Tim Grenke. Absent – None. Also attending were City Administrator, Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, the players coaches and some parents from the Centralia Lady Panthers Softball team, and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wilkins led those present in pledge.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

Marcy Haddock Gifford 119 S. Maple spoke the Committee about her problem with her apartment and the problems with trying to get her landlord from DRD Management to make repairs and she had not had her problems fixed. Chief Dudgeon noted that there is line between what we can do and what we cannot do. Harline said he would try and make some arrangements to look into getting assistance from the Columbia/Boone County Health Department to assist with inspections. She complained about mold and having no heat. Police Chief Dudgeon and Fire Chief Rusch said that they would take a look at her furnace tomorrow. She voiced concerns about her dog's health as well. She said that Centralia is her "Mayberry." Grenke said this goes back to the need for a rental inspection program.

### PRESENTATION TO THE MISSOURI STATE CHAMPION LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL TEAM.

Mayor Grenke read a proclamation celebrating their victory and thank the team for the way they represented Centralia and passed out lapel pins to the players and coaches. Chief Dudgeon and others praised them for the way they represented the community. The seniors introduced themselves and named their parents and at the request of Chief Dudgeon told the crowd where they were going to college.

#### A. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Chief Dudgeon reported that Sargent Bellamy was set to deploy after reporting to Boonville on December 16 and that November 9 would be his last day on the job for approximately 15 months. Chief wanted to move Dave Davenport to full-time and he is aware that it could be temporary and end when Bellamy gets back. Chief Dudgeon said that they had a candidate for part-time police work named Stephen Carper. In answer to a question from Grenke, Chief Dudgeon said that he was a resident of Centralia. Chief Dudgeon gave some other details about Mr. Carper that showed he was active in the community.

Chief Dudgeon noted that car number 827 had too many mechanical problems to repair and he had already called Angell and taken it off the insurance list. He would reassign Bellamy's car to Davenport and they would try to get by with the vehicles they have. Chief Dudgeon noted that Forrest would want to take their loaner car back in a year and a half or so. Chief Dudgeon replied in answer to a question from Harline that there were other problems besides the transmission and acknowledged that they had a spare Crown Victoria transmission available at SD&D where the car is currently.

2. *Other:* Chief Dudgeon reported that Assistant Chief Bob Bias has been offered an

interview for the Chief of Police in Hallsville. Dudgeon said we would have to wait and see how that shook out.

B. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Harline said that he had spoken with the City Attorney and he felt that the fire department could declare the south side of the building a side yard and avoid having to go through the Board of Adjustment to allow them to build a shed on the side of their building. Harline gave examples of how he had made similar interpretations on other lots in the City. Harline said that he wanted to make sure that we played by the same rules as everyone else.

Magley asked Harline if the fire truck was advertised for sale yet. Harline replied that the information is in the hands of GovDeals and should be open for bids any day. Wilkins asked how the active shooter training went because they were going to conduct one at his workplace. Chiefs Rusch and Dudgeon reported that it went well. Chief Rusch reported that they were going to do CPR training on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

2. *Other –*

C. Emergency Management. None

D. Protective Inspection.

*Ordinance for junk-* Harline reported that he had included the ordinance from three other cities and from Centralia and he felt that we could be more aggressive in enforcing our current ordinance as written and we could look at things to improve. Harline said that he would speak with Code Enforcement Officer Sandy Buck and City Prosecutor, April Wilson. Harline checked with Chief Dudgeon who agreed that we do not have any ordinance against parking in the front yard. Harline noted that Buck does a great job working with people and turns four or five derelict vehicles a month and that he (Harline) went and looked at four or five each year. Grenke asked about what he liked about the ordinances he submitted. Harline said that he thought there were some phrases in the Perryville ordinance about tax-billing for abatements that weren't paid. Harline commented on the State legislature's recent efforts to curb cities enforcement of nuisances. Chief Dudgeon noted that we operate as division of the Circuit Court with a Circuit Court judge and he is allowed to assign a higher fine and set some aside to allow for the defendant to come into compliance. In answer to a question from Wilkins, Harline replied that he would be bringing back proposed changes but they would also step up enforcement of the current code.

*Update on dangerous buildings:* Harline noted that one building on Railroad has been demolished. Harline said the other three have boarded up windows. Harline said he would work with the City Attorney and set dates for hearings to declare those houses dangerous buildings. Harline said that he was aware that he needed to move forward on 110 East Railroad as well. Harline noted that the City would have to come up with the funds to move forward with demolition if we managed to get the building declared dangerous.

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

None.

B. Park Board

Wilkins noted that there was an agenda and meeting minutes from a couple of meetings in the packet from the Park Board. Wilkins asked for questions or comments and there were

none.

C. Cemetery Report.

Done.

D. Tree Board.

No report.

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted the information in the packet and the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Finance

Financial statements for September 2016. Harline noted that sales tax was on track with the budget. Grenke asked if the sidewalk reimbursement had been received. Harline said that he hadn't checked today.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that this was on page 83 of the packet. Harline noted that the last landfill bill from the City of Columbia was on this month's list. Harline noted that the Prairie State bills were lower due to the operation of the plant at closer to capacity.

H. Other General Government.

1. *Selecting best Health Insurance Proposal:* Harline said a committee of employees had been reviewing the options from the recent request for proposals. They had received several options from Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA) and from Angell Insurance. Harline noted that they had eliminated the MIRMA options because the Health Savings Account (HSA) options really didn't offer the savings they were looking for. Harline said he would bring back the final recommendation at the meeting next Monday. Harline said that any savings from the regular health insurance option would be put into raises but there would be two options for each employee. Harline noted that 75% of the savings for the HSA option versus the regular plan would be put into the employees HSA.

2. *Roll-cart buy back:* Wilkins he would send out the RFP the next day. Harline said that we had sold 231 carts in the last five years. On a sliding scale we could buy those back for a little over \$7,200. Harline had spoken with our cart salesman and Dayne's and they had a sturdy 48-gallon Toter, with wheels, that both could work with. Magley asked what we would do with the carts we bought back. Harline said that Armor equipment would buy the good ones back. Ward asked how many complaints we had received. Harline replied that he estimated we had received over two dozen complaints. Rusch suggested just a trade in. Harline said that if we were going to trade even for a new smaller cart he would only want to go back a couple years. Magley asked why we wouldn't take back nice older carts. Harline said that he did not want to get into the business of rating each individual cart whereas we have records with serial numbers to tell how old the carts were. Lee said that he felt we should listen to the staff and not mess with it. In answer to a question from Rodgers, Harline replied that we had sold 231 in the last five years and 82 in the last two years. After additional discussion it was decided to not offer a buy-back program. Lee asked if it could be available locally after Harline mentioned that the model approved was available at Home Depot.

3. *Comprehensive Plan Meeting on November 15 at 7:00pm:* Harline said that he was impressed by the level of participation, the enthusiasm and the talent shared by the citizens working on the plan. Harline said that the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (MMRPC) were impressed as well. Harline said that the plan could serve as a guide for the actions of this

and future Boards of Aldermen.

VII. OTHER.

Grenke reported that he had 41 participants in his 5K run for Veteran's Day and that he had received several positive comments. Grenke said that the proceeds would go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Avenue of Flags. Harline noted that the MMRPC annual meeting would be held Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Claysville Store in Hartsburg. Harline reminded the Committee that the Boone County Municipal Dinner was being held December 1 at the Boone County Sherrif's Department Annex and RSVPs are due Monday, November 21,

IX. AS MAY RISE.

None.

IX. ADJOURN.

**Magley made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:29 p.m.**