

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, December 12, 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, Dick Ward, and Jim Lee. Absent – Andrea Vollrath and Mayor, Tim Grenke. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, City Attorney Randall Thompson, Library Director Jack Meyer, and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wilkins led those present in pledge.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

None

CLOSED SESSION

Lee made a motion for the Committee to go into closed session with the possibility of holding a closed vote, and the purpose of such closed session and closed vote shall be for leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor; such closed session and closed vote shall be for as provided for under Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and for legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri **Ward seconded the motion. Voting to go into closed session: Lee, Ward, Wilkins, Rodgers, and Magley. Against: none. (7:03)**

A brief discussion on the topic of land purchase or lease and an update on legal actions took place in closed session. **Magley made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Lee. Voting to return to open session: Magley, Rodgers, Wilkins, Ward and Lee. Against: none. (7:19)**

Wilkins noted that there was no vote taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department

1. Activity Report: Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Chief Dudgeon reported that he had done some research on DRD Management, the company that had been discussed at a previous meeting in regard to their rental units. Chief Dudgeon noted that the Sergeant Kribbs had discovered that the incorporation of DRD Management, LLC had lapsed in 2010 and so he wondered if they could own and lease property in Centralia. Thompson said that he did not know who DRD Management was. Chief Dudgeon gave a brief description of their business practices. Chief Dudgeon said one of their employees might be served a warrant soon as part of a criminal investigation. Thompson stated that if the LLC has been revoked in just means that they no longer have the protections afforded it by the LLC.

2. Other: Chief Dudgeon reminded those present of the Tractor Parade on Friday (December 16). In answer to a question from Wilkins, Dudgeon stated that Bellamy was off the City payroll. Chief Dudgeon stated that he would like to promote Officer Davenport to full time.

Harline noted that Ginny Zoellers wanted to close Rollins Street from Singleton to Sneed to allow

for vendors to set up there. Harline said in answer to a question from Dudgeon that it would work best to close the street at noon to get it cleared in time. **Ward made a motion to close Rollins Street from Sneed Street to Singleton Street on Friday, November 16th from noon to 10:00 p.m. that was seconded by Magley and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

B. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Wilkins noted that there was only one training. Rusch said that they had planned to hold a training on a car fire but it fell through.

2. *Other:* Chief Rusch noted that he had some numbers on concrete for the shed. Rusch added that they had everything lined out and ready to go for Christmas. Harline asked when they were packing the candy/fruit bags for kids. Chief Rusch replied it would be on Thursday the 22nd. Rusch said they would be using a truck from the police to make up for the one sold recently.

C. Emergency Management. None

D. Protective Inspection.

1. *Update on Ordinance for cars in front yards-* Harline noted that a draft ordinance by Attorney Charles Thompson was included in the packet. Harline said that in response to informal discussion before the meeting that a trailer would be included in the definition of "licensed" vehicle, but Harline noted that it would not prevent someone from placing gravel over their entire front yard. Rodgers said we would need to require a permit and inspection to expand a driveway. Harline said another option is to define what the front yard is. Thompson gave a couple options to improve the ordinance to accomplish the goals. (7:33). Rodgers asked if there would be a driveway inspector because someone would be knowledgeable have to enforce it. Harline said it would be the City Administrator or his designee. Wilkins noted that you can't legislate good taste. Wilkins said that the staff should work on it and bring it back.

2. *Update on dangerous buildings:* Harline noted that a report was included in the packet that updates the Committee on progress this year. Harline noted that we were sending out one letter and two more were in process to proceed toward dangerous building abatement. Magley asked when the letter would go out. Harline said it would go out tomorrow. Harline said in answer to a question from Magley that he thought we may be on a path to a peaceful resolution based on feedback he had received from the Mayor, but he did not want to mess anything up by trying to put words in Mr. De La Rosa's mouth.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

Harline noted that the

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.

No report.

D. Tree Board.

No report.

E. Library Board

Jack Meyer noted that he had sent a note to the Mayor with a name to replace

1. Health insurance for Library Director: Harline stated that the Board had discussed last year and said that as long as the Library was willing to reimburse the City for expenses, they would be happy to pay for it. Meyer thanked the City for agreeing to place him on the City's health insurance plan.

Wilkins asked if Meyer wanted to report anything else. Meyer said a lot was going on and reported on the fact that the Library was getting a 3-D printer possibly partially funded by a grant; updates to the teen area, and progress on a community garden. (7:46) Wilkins asked who would pay for the consumable supplies for the 3-D printer and Meyer said the Library would probably buy them up front and charge users.

F. Finance

Financial statements for October 2016. Harline noted that sales tax was on track with the budget. Harline noted that the adjustments for the internal service account had been made and will be reflected in the statements next week. This will cause the General Fund to show a negative cash balance. Harline said we would need to make some transfer to pay for their share of the negative balance. Harline added that we had seen the largest payment from MODOT for the sidewalk had come in, but we were still waiting on one other large payment.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that this was on page 71 of the packet. Harline noted that the last landfill bill from the City of Columbia was on this month's list. Magley asked what the \$1,500 payment to DC's for demolition went toward. Harline replied that it was for 329 North Rollins Street which is a dilapidated house across the street from the Maranatha Baptist Church. Harline said they preferred the payment be made to DC's.

H. Other General Government.

1. Scheduling the Council Budget Retreat: Harline asked the board to check their calendars for the weekends in January probably from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Harline said they would review items from the Comprehensive Plan and the capital budget.

2. Sale of City Trucks: Harline said a report was in the packet and the total for the sales of the four trucks was around \$150,000 and the City received more than Dayne's had offered for the two trash trucks.

3. Chart of Accounts Conversion: Harline said the project to make the fund numbers work better with the Summit software was coming along, but they were going to do it a little differently than he had reported previously.

VII. OTHER.

Chief Dudgeon said that he did not want the Board discussing his budget at the retreat.

IX. AS MAY RISE.

Harline asked the Board to let Phyllis Brown know if they were going to attend the Employee Luncheon Wednesday, December 21st from 11 – 1 (actually 11:30 a.m.) – 1:00p.m.

IX. ADJOURN.

Magley made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Lee seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:00 p.m.