

**Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting Monday, January 9, 2017.**

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

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were, Aldermen, Dick Ward, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, David Wilkins and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Fireside Guard, Don Jenkins with MECO Engineering and Brittany Ruess with The Columbia Daily Tribune.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Wilkins led those present in the pledge.

III.COMMENTS FROM CITZENS.

None

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Department

1. Activity Report: Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report.

None

2. Other

Chief Dudgeon said the Internship is going well with Mike and Tanya Hans daughter, Kristen. Chief Dudgeon also wants to swear in a new part-time officer this Monday January 16, 2017.

B. Fire Department.

1. Activity Report: Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Harline commented that the structure fire S. Jefferson involved a trailer being used for living quarters. Harline noted that this is not acceptable due to fire hazard and that he will be sending them a letter.

2. Other.

Wilkins discussed the EMS calls noting that there were 488 calls this year. Chief Rusch said Christmas was a big success; close to 1280 bags of holiday goodies were handed out to the kids. Harline talked about how the last of the four vehicles has been sold and that the last one is going to be used as a fire truck in Tennessee.

C. Emergency Management.

1. Adopt New Floodplain Management Ordinance

Harline referred to the memo in the packet stating that nothing has changed on the FEMA map, but since we are in the flood insurance program we had to adopt a new ordinance. Harline explained that this was because there is a new floodplain study and plan. Harline will have this prepared for February's meeting.

D. Protective Inspection

Harline talked about the possibility of hiring a city building inspector and sending him to building inspection classes. Harline said that if we wanted to start a rental program it only makes sense if we bring the building inspection program in house. Harline added that this will be discussed on

the upcoming retreat. Harline will also be meeting this Wednesday with the Boone County inspectors about the idea.

## VI .General Government and Finance

### A. Economic Development.

Harline discussed the arrival of Dollar General and Dollar Tree to Centralia despite the lack of a strong economic development strategy.

#### 1. CREDI future

Harline noted that with the dissolution of the CREDI Board the City needs to consider what to do with the 501 (c) 6 organization. Harline referred to the memo in the packet and said that his recommendation is to get a bring the Committee a full report of the CREDI status, but wait for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan process to take action. Wilkins said we need to get bank balances and such. Everyone on the Board signified agreement with that strategy.

### B .Park Board

Harline noted that they met twice in December which is why there is not a set of minutes this month. Harline said that the agenda for January will be emailed out.

### C. Cemetery Report

None

### D. Tree Board Report

None

### E. Library Board

Wilkins discussed meeting notes and agenda of upcoming meeting. The Technical Grant was discussed.

### F. December 2016 Financial Statements

Harline is happy that we are ahead of our sales tax and hitting our budget target.

### G. Bills over \$1,250 = \$270,152.64

Rodgers asked if this was the first time we have paid Dayne's, Harline explained that we had paid a partial month for October, but November's bill was lost in emails and so the amount in the agenda packet is for November and December. Harline briefly noted how everything is going with the service and it is going well. Harline met with the school district and Dayne's and discovered that they may be able to save them \$500 a month. Harline stated that Dayne's is trying to work to keep these costs down.

### H. Other General Government.

#### 1. Energy Saving Project Preliminary Assessment

Harline talked about replacing street lights with LED lights. Harline is waiting on more information on the heating and cooling of the City building also the Police Station, Library, and Rec center. Harline discussed the flooring and wall paper in the City Clerks Office.

#### 2. Accrual v. Cash Financial Statements

Harline discussed accounting procedures; these will be discussed at the retreat but the Board may want to consider the idea of going to a cash basis for their accounting. Harline will also later discuss his email from Williams-Keepers

### 3. Sidewalks in Developing Subdivisions

Harline discussed the packet. He would like to think of better ways to get these gaps filled up for the sidewalks systems.

### VII. Other

*2016 Citizen's survey results* Harline said that the Final Report will be in next weeks packet.

### VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Harline said that we have offered to have a bucket truck and two linemen that on call for the MPUA Mutual Aid Program, if they aren't needed here.

Jenkins of MECO reported that the final acceptance of the sidewalk project was announced on January 4<sup>th</sup> by MODOT and the final payment should be forthcoming.

### VIII. ADJOURN.

**Vollrath, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Ward seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:39 p.m.**