

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, May 8, 2017.

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

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee and Dick Ward. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, and Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Citizens present included: Lorry Meyers with Central Bank of Boone County, Angie Taylor, Carolyn Dawson, Library Director, Jack Meyer and James Smith with the Fireside Guard.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V.COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

No comments from citizens.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. City Prosecutor

B. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Grenke congratulated Chief Dudgeon for his award as Citizen of the Year, as well as Lorry Meyers. Grenke said to please thank the officers for the job they have been doing for the last couple of weeks/months.

2. *Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement reports:* Wilkins stated that the Alderman who requested these reports was not present, and he would like to table the matter until the Alderman was present. There were no objections.

3. *Other:* Dudgeon said he would like a motion and a vote. Dudgeon said he has an opportunity to replace the 2007 Chevrolet Impala, which has about 122,000 miles on it. Dudgeon said we have to depend on it to start and run. Dudgeon explained that the 2007 Chevrolet Impala was purchased in 2011, and he thinks the car may have a little head gasket problem. Dudgeon stated that he has an opportunity to buy a 2012 Dodge Charger because the Audrain County Sheriff's office replaced all vehicles in bulk. Dudgeon said he was approached by Sheriff Oller who said the car is a good car. Dudgeon stated that the City can buy it for \$7,529. Dudgeon noted that the budgeted amount is \$6,500. Dudgeon said he has talked to a dealer that said the car should sell for \$2,500 at auction. The Charger, Dudgeon stated, has lights and all we should have to do is put decals on and it should be road ready.

Harline stated that the auditors ask to have any purchase over \$5,000 be voted on during a full board meeting. Russell explained why this is the preferred method. Harline said that at some point there needs to be some standard protocol for these large purchases, including presenting information on the purchase prior to the meeting. Harline said it comes down to if the Board feels comfortable that Dudgeon will get the required information to the Board. Dudgeon said he could get that information. Harline said the original purchase price for the 2007 Impala was \$10,920.

Alderman Magley made a motion to allow Dudgeon to start the purchase process of purchasing the 2012 Dodge Charger. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

C. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. There were no questions for comments.

2. *Other:* Dudgeon stated that he got a lot of good comments on Davenport taking point on the driving drama at the high school, and the kids from the high school did a great job. Dudgeon said that it was over the top and made an impact. Grenke stated that Davenport is also working on a community event for August 1st.

D. Emergency Management

1. *Purchase of new repeater for public works:* Harline said that we have a proposal from Wireless USA in the packet for \$2,963 installed. Harline noted that the existing repeater died about 2 weeks ago, so right now we are using “talk around” status with a hand held unit in City Hall as a temporary solution. Harline said he believes we can find a less expensive alternative, however if you approve the amount of \$2,963, and if he finds a less expensive option he will let the Board know.

Alderman Lee made a motion to purchase a repeater for an amount not to exceed \$2,963. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

E. Protective Inspection.

1. *Demolition Updates:* Harline said he has an application on 523 S Allen and contract approved for demolition. He has also received a request for 204 E Railroad, which lacks any windows, has spray paint on the side, and meets the definition of a dangerous building. Harline reported that the one thing is that this property owner would like the City to pay the contractor directly, as this would be a strain on this individual to pay the contractor and then be reimbursed. Otherwise, Harline explained, the City would have to go through the process of abatement. Wilkins questioned if the ordinance mandated who the money would go to. Harline said he would double check that and will let board know if there is a discrepancy. Harline said he will continue to work on the other properties that would have been part of the (CDBG) grant

2. *Other:* Harline reported that he talked to the owners of 411 South Jefferson and they are willing to frame the area they park in and put gravel down to comply in spirit with the new ordinance against parking in the front yard. Harline added that they have been willing to work with us.

VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development

1. *Chamber Agenda:* Harline said tickets arrived at City Hall today for Anchor Fest.

2. *CDBG Economic Development Grant possibility:* Harline stated that we have an opportunity to place a public hearing for a CDBG project on Monday’s agenda. Harline reported that Show-me Shortline is expanding and bringing the opportunity to create more jobs and the State will contribute towards public infrastructure if we meet certain criteria. Harline said that CDBG funds plus the money we set aside from selling the property to Chris Finck should be enough to finish the road. Harline added that it would be more advantageous to finish that road and get traffic off of Rowland St and it would also alleviate problems with turnaround for large vehicles such as trash trucks on Remington. Harline said that this will be on the agenda for next Monday.

B. Park Board

Wilkins noted that Park Board meeting minutes and agenda from April 18th were in the packet. Grenke said that after talking with Park’s Director Erle Bennett, he is in the planning stages of a golf tournament for July 4th. Dudgeon said Bennett asked if we could, with respect to properties that need to be mowed, could we get the information to him the week before Anchor Fest. Harline said that is what we’ve done in the past and have a hearing tomorrow about weeds.

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Wilkins noted that there was no report.

D. Tree Board.

Wilkins noted that there was no report.

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted that there were minutes from April 13, 2017 and an agenda for May 11, 2017 in packet.

1. *Water bill adjustment:* Jack Meyer & other Library Board members were at the meeting to discuss the water bill from April 2017, which was \$1000. Meyer said he paid it as he didn't want to get any late fees. He said the City sent people out and the meter was fine. He called Terry Harper (Harper Plumbing) and everything seemed to be fine and Harper said it would be flooded if that much water had went through the meter. Meyer said the number of gallons charged was possible for the library but it would have been with water running full blast. He said the Library had another issue the following month that happened to be a little higher due to some changes such as the community garden.

Harline assured the Board nothing Meyer said was inaccurate, but the estimate for how much water used is a little low; for instance in a month one toilet can use 300,000 gallons with a flap open. Harline said that they have looked and that is not the case. Harline added that it couldn't be a leak because leaks don't heal themselves and Mike Forsee had thoroughly investigated the possibility of a leak. There was some discussion regarding the Library's history of water usage. Russell pointed out that even though the usage is high, the readings picked up by the automatic meter reading system have all been in line.

Harline said there really is no explanation for the usage, and would not be opposed to using an average of the last 2 months to give a refund for the water and sewer usage. Harline stated that we see no issue with the meter, but also know the library district likely did not use 371,818 gallons of water. **Lee made a motion to use the previous two months usage to get an average and refund the difference for water and sewer to the Library. Vollrath seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.**

Grenke said that at the start of the meeting, he congratulated Chief Dudgeon for getting the Citizen of the Year Award, and he would also like to congratulate Meyers for getting that award as well. He said he would like to extend congratulations to the Centralia Women's Network for the work they do in the community.

F. Finance

Financial statements for April 2017 were in the agenda packet.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that the Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250, equal to \$286,137.96.

H. Other General Government.

1. *Proposals for banking services:* Russell gave some information regarding the bank bids, and noted that Home Bank had fewer fees, but the interest rate for the City's investments was higher through Central Bank of Boone County which resulted in about a \$5000 difference between the two bids. Harline said we would like to have a direction to proceed with creating an ordinance to be presented at the full Board meeting. **Vollrath made a motion to produce an ordinance to name Central Bank of Boone County as the City's financial institution. Magley seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.**

2. *Reed Street underground project:* Harline said that the picture in the packet shows where the current overhead power lines exist in back yards for those on the east side of Reed Street. He said there is a pole in need of repair. Harline noted that in the next week, the Electric Dept. is going to start putting the power lines underground on Central Street and Sims Street. Harline said he would like to talk to residents on Reed Street, as it would cost a little more to put the electric lines on the back of the lots because each connection will be another 100 feet longer and there are some lot configurations that would require easements. Rodgers questioned if these poles are in the middle of the backyard and would the lines to their house be underground. Harline confirmed that is the plan. Harline stated that this is more of a report at this time that this is what we're planning to do.

3. *Water Dept. – Trash Pump Bid:* Harline said this is a pump that would have helped where we had the water line break on Collier last Fall. Harline noted that it was in the budget for \$5,000, but the Nuway bid is \$2,286.59 noted in the packet.

Magley made a motion to purchase the pump from Nuway for \$2,286.59. Vollrath seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

VII. OTHER.

Harline said he has been approached for a monopole satellite receiver in a better location closer to the Friendship Place, which he feels is superior to directly in front of Martinsburg Bank. Magley asked where they want to put the pole. Harline said it would be in the right of way on Singleton between Rollins and Collier, probably near the alley way. Harline said if we had full control, he would have them put it on top of a building. Harline reported that they said they need 2 or 3 in the whole community.

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Magley asked about what has been going on with 421 S. Rollins. Harline said he believes it to be over nuisance ordinances. Grenke stated that the resident is upset over ordinance violations and he is expressing his freedom of speech to make his distaste known. Magley questioned what we are doing about it, would we let him keep doing it. Dudgeon said he plead guilty at the April court date to ordinance violation. Harline said Sandy Buck is a good negotiator and excellent at doing her job. Dudgeon said he's not about to back up, and some on this Body have thought that the code enforcement officer was not doing what she was supposed to do; she's a 29 year employee and she comes to work with a smile on her face every day and does what she is supposed to do. Magley asked how long the resident at 421 S Rollins has to fix this problem. Harline said he has one fine hanging over his head for a vehicle on blocks and every day is a separate violation. Magley questioned if there is a case about the 72 hour ordinance. Rodgers questioned where the ending to this situation would be. There was some discussion regarding the message on the side of the house.

Lee said he had a commercial tree trimmer call him who got stopped dumping commercial brush at our in town brush pit and he's called a couple of times wanting access to the landfill. He works on weekends and it makes it hard to dump. Harline said he would talk with Lee after the meeting, but he's not inclined to make additional cost to the City.

Dudgeon questioned who puts things on the agenda to be discussed. Grenke said Department heads, the Mayor, City Administrator. Dudgeon said he doesn't think we should be putting things under the Police Dept. unless he says to do so.

IX. ADJOURN.

Vollrath made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Rodgers seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:02 p.m.