

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, June 12, 2017.

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

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Dick Ward, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, Donald Rodgers, Dick Ward and David Wilkins. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, City Admin Inter Sam Beznak, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon and James Smith with the Fireside Guard. Citizens present included; Lori Meyers and Officer Brian Dulany.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

PRESENTATION BY ROSS KASSMAN OF ENGINEERING SURVEYS & SERVICES ON RANDLOPH ROAD EXTENSION

Ross Kasmann & John Frerking of ES&S spoke about the proposed engineering plans for the extension of Randolph Road to Highway 22. There was some discussion among the Mayor & Aldermen as to their recommendations on asphalt and / or concrete, different widths of the road and the cost analysis. Harline spoke of the funding to be used for this project. Rodgers asked of the cost to widen road in the future if it becomes necessary due to increased road traffic. Harline expanded on how cost could be shared among new developers and additional grants at that time. It was recommended that concrete be used as opposed to asphalt due to traffic and longevity of concrete to asphalt.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Report

Activity Report: No Comments Dudgeon thanked David Wilkins for his work on the Dispatch computers

Presentation by officer Dulany on Axon (formerly Taser) proposal.

Officer Dulany spoke on current Tasers now known as Axon. Dulany showed short film on the basic use of Tasers. Dulany then showed council the current Tasers in use by the Centralia Police Dept. and how outdated they are that most of the current Tasers are obsolete and some are no longer in service. Dulany spoke on his recent Axon Taser conference and certification meeting that he attended in Springfield Missouri. He expanded on the new Axon Taser. Axon currently has a plan in effect at present where new Tasers can be purchased over a period of time. Dulany ask that council consider allowing the Centralia Police Department to purchase 8 new Axon Tasers. Total cost of purchasing these Axon Tasers over 5 years is \$18771.07. Aldermen Rodgers ask if there were any other comparable Tasers on the market. Dulany replied that there were but did not have the legal backing and he would not be comfortable carrying them. Dulany then spoke of the great legal services that come along with the purchasing of these Axon Tasers.

Dudgeon then requested that council consider making motion for purchasing the Axon Tasers.

Harline proposed a motion an ordinance to be drafted to approve an agreement with Axon for the purchasing of these Tasers.

Lee made a motion that an ordinance to be drafted to approve an agreement with Axon for the purchasing of the equipment described in the presentation and Vollrath seconded. On a call for the yays and nays the motion passed unanimously.

Other: Dudgeon thanked the Fire Dept. for their services at Anchor Fest. Dudgeon also wanted to thank Rodgers Rental for Tent used at Anchor fest. Dudgeon also reported on officers apprehending thief's robbing vendor tents at Anchor fest.

B. Fire Department

Activity Report: No comments

Other: Harline asked Rusch how Anchor fest in 2017 compared to past years. Rusch stated basically the same.

Harline stated that replacement pagers have been ordered as budgeted for Fire Dept.

C. Emergency Management.

Changing the name of the east-west segment of Randolph Rd. to Rowland St.: Harline stated the desire to draft a resolution to proceed with advertisement and sending out notices for changing the name of the east-west segment of Randolph Rd to Rowland Rd. by making a motion.

Vollrath made a motion to draft a resolution to proceed with advertisement and sending out notices for changing the name of the east-west segment of Randolph Rd to Rowland Rd that was seconded by Ward. Alderman Wilkins then asked for vote from council and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Protective Inspection.

Dangerous building updates: Harline stated that demolition has begun on one house on Railroad Street. Matt Harline and Sam Beznak are working on getting the Maranatha Missionary Baptist Church reinstated so action can be taken on that property. Letter to De La Rosa is to be sent out.

Sam Beznak did housing count, 26 houses for sale in Centralia.

VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

No meeting this month for the Chamber of Commerce.

Harline stated that he had received an application from Chris Finck pertaining to the EEZ Abatement and he is anxious to move forward on this project.

B. Park Board. NO comments

C. Cemetery Report. NO comments

D. Tree Board. NO comments

E. Library Board. NO comments

F. May 2017 Financial Statements

Fraud Report: Harline reported that 4 fraudulent checks created by someone at 4 different banks in 3 different states. Harline stated that the City will not be out any funds total amount of all checks were under \$10,000. Harline added that steps have been put in place by means of Positive Pay through Central Bank of Boone County to help alleviate future problems of this kind. Wilkins spoke in favor of the Positive Pay service.

James Smith ask when first check appeared. Harline said that it Friday, June 9, 2017 was when the city received first notification of fraudulent check and Meyers confirmed that.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Sellenriek Construction name was left off the Over \$1250 listing.

Lee questioned check amount for Ozark Applicators. Harline noted that the check contained additional charges but actual work on SW tower was charged at the amount approved. Additional charges were for annual inspection

H. Other General Government

1. Comprehensive Plan Survey Preliminary Data

Sam Bezjak gave brief presentation highlighting some of the results of the Citizen survey of which there were 454 replies.

VII. OTHER.

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Mayor commented that Heritage Hall will be celebrating Certified Nursing Assistance Day and he would be there issuing a proclamation.

Harline also reminded council that MML Registration is now open for the September meeting

IX. ADJOURN.

Vollrath made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Lee seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:24 p.m.