

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, December 11, 2017.

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

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Robert Hudson, Jim Lee, Donald Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, and David Wilkins, Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and James Smith with the Fireside Guard. Others present included: Holly Casteel, Kari Less and Wendy Moore with Central Bank, Don Jenkins with MECO Engineering

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.COMMENTS FROM CITZENS.

Comments from citizens was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Comments from citizens was closed at 7:00 p.m.

IV.PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL BANK OF BOONE COUNTY ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

Holly Casteel with Central Bank, Kari Less, and Wendy Moore presented information regarding their products to enable the City to accept credit and debit card payments. Kari, who works specifically with municipalities and government entities, shared information about Select Pay which was developed by Central Bank. The fee for the services is passed along to the customer on Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express customers, and there is no fee to the City. The program follows all laws and regulations, uses existing computers and only requires a card reader that connects via USB. There is also an online option to accept payments online.

Casteel went over the pricing fees. Central bank proposed to pass on a 3.5% fee to customers to cover the City's fees.

Harline said that later in the evening during the full board meeting there is an option to make a motion to move forward with this if the Board would like to have us to bring back an agreement next Monday.

Wilkins asked about the hardware requirements and if the signature pad was required. Casteel said it is not required, but optional. Russell said that if the Board agreed to move forward with an agreement for this program, she would like to visit with front office staff to see what their thoughts are on the hardware options before making a decision.

Landon Magley entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Casteel, Less and Moore left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Department

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

Dudgeon said the CPD had finished out the last of the year at 6300, and they are currently at

7125 and counting. He said that Sgt. Joe Bellamy is back in the City of Centralia. Dudgeon said he wanted the Board to consider this: he plans to get rid of the "Old Blue Deuce" and said that car will bring a lot of money because it's almost an antique. He then said he wants to swap Sandy out of the F250; he said his original idea was to put a snow plow on the truck if we needed to. Dudgeon said he wants to put Bellamy in the F250, and purchase a used 4-wheel drive truck and wants to start on the project right away. He said this saves the expense of another patrol car.

Grenke asked if he had any idea what the blue car will bring. Dudgeon said he had no idea; it's a 2004. Smith asked if it was a Crown Victoria. Dudgeon said it was.

Wilkins asked if Tim Kribbs is back as well. Dudgeon said he would be back Wednesday.

Smith asked how many miles does the blue car had on it. Dudgeon said he was not really sure. Dudgeon said that in March it will be two years and Forrest will want to repo their little car. Grenke said it was very nice of them to lend it to the CPD.

2. Other

B. Fire Department.

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

Grenke said the Fire Dept. had some activity Saturday night. Rusch said that yes they did, and it was kind of a tough one.

2. Other –

Rusch said the Fire Dept. is getting ready for Santa and the tractor parade is this Friday. Smith asked if there was a date set to stuff the treat bags. Rusch said it would be done on December 20th.

C. Emergency Management.

D. Protective Inspection.

1. *Update on Building Code Updates* – Harline said we have ordered a set of the codes. He was drafting the ordinance and realized that the standard practice is to have the codes on file to allow people to look at them prior to adopting the ordinance. There are a couple of solar projects going on in town, which include multiple shut offs to help protect the system. The 3rd cutout is something required in the 2015 and not 2012 building codes. He said he anticipates we'll have the final vote in February. Around the same time he will be putting the budget together, and will have time to figure out if the fees going to the county and some money from the public utilities could cover a person doing the inspections. The City had over 100 building permit applications over the past 2 years. That's 42 new housing units in Centralia. Since the 1980's, that is our best year.

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development. Wilkins said he didn't see anything from the chamber in the packet. Grenke asked if they would meet the next day. Harline said Zoellers sent an email that said the Chamber would not hold a meeting this month.

B. Park Board – agenda from November meeting provided in the packet.

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

1. *Draft RFP for Cemetery Mowing* –

Harline said the RFP was provided in the packet, and Phyllis Brown will talk to the Cemetery

Board in the next few weeks. The bids would go out in January and be due February 7th. The Board would be able to accept the best bidder and enter into an agreement at the full board meeting in February.

D. Tree Board - None

E. Library Board –

Minutes from November meeting and agenda for the December meeting were provided in the packet.

F. November 2017 Financial Statements –

Harline said the sales tax caught up a bit this month in the general fund and we are now ahead of last year.

G. Bills over \$1,250 = \$156,670.08

Wilkins questioned the refund of overpayment to Kinkead's and Russell explained it was an error in the reading on one of their utility accounts.

H. Other General Government.

1. *Health Insurance* –

Harline said the proposed increase from Anthem was substantial so we requested other bids. So far we have gotten back a very nice proposal from MIRMA, which is a pool type of arrangement, and if our loss history is low we use it to keep rates down in the future. Now we have a standard insurance policy, and the City receives a little money back as required by law. In the pool or semi-self-insured plan, if we are healthy we keep the money in our account. I would have a specific proposal in front of you, but we are working out the option of an H.S.A. plan and a standard plan. The plan is to have an open enrollment the morning of December 20th before the employee Christmas dinner. Grenke asked if this something we can partner with other cities and make a coop. Harline explained that is what MIRMA is, it's a risk management pool.

2. *Follow up from work session on Saturday, December 2, 2017* – Harline said the information would be available at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER

A. Purchase Power Agreement Offers –

Harline said the City was not looking for offers, but were given one by Dynegy. He went to Hannibal last week and talked with Chris Dawson, and he is looking to have an offer for June 1, 2020 for probably 3 years. Generally speaking, the numbers are lower than what we are paying now.

VIII. AS MAY RISE

IX. ADJOURN

Vollrath, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Magley seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:37 p.m.