

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen James Lee, Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, and David Wilkins answered roll call.

Absent: Alderman Robert Hudson

Also present were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, and Todd Goffoy of Piper Jaffray, Gary Davis and Kyle Te from Bartlett & West

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

The Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Hearing no comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

**PRESENTATION BY FINANCIAL ADVISOR TODD GOFFOY OF PIPER JAFFRAY RE: BOND ISSUE**

Harline introduced Gary Davis & Kyle Te with Bartlett & West and said they came with some information that relates to the amount for the water and sewer combined bond issued.

Davis said they were just getting started on the engineering on the wastewater side about two weeks ago. He gave information regarding the irrigation program the City has in place with several local farmers. He said Centralia has one of the lowest wastewater bills in the state of Missouri and gave kudos to whoever set up the irrigation with the cooperating farmers in Centralia. Missouri DNR gave a new permit that won't treat the water at the Overland Flow, and the solution is to continue with the irrigation and not treat the overland flow which would cost about over \$10 million. The suggested approach will have more storage for when the farmers aren't using the water in the winter but do in the summer. The goal is to get it out there faster, and look at where the City could own some fields. Davis said that if the City has 80 acres of hay fields, it would allow 24 inches of water annually. He thinks this could be done for about \$3.6 million.

Harline said the first estimate was \$1.5 million and the second was \$2.5 million, but neither of these estimates will work.

Davis said the City received an 80/20 grant to refine the specifics of the project, and we're going to continue to work on the \$3.6 million for the wastewater. He said that in the fall of last year we talked about the drinking water, and the total for that project would be \$2.44 million. The recommended approach is to take the bond issue to the voters and ask for all of it at one time.

Harline asked the Board to remember that if every year had rain fall like this past year we could go without using the overland flow, but when there are years with a lot of rainfall, we get inflow and infiltration. We need to design a system with more storage than we would have needed this past year. Rodgers questioned how long this plan would be good, and asked if in 5, 10, or 15 years DNR would require something different.

Davis explained the tighter regulations from DNR are when you discharge into a stream. When we discharge to the fields it is irrigation and no permit is needed.

Lee asked if the City's current overland flow are convert into a storage area. Davis said that would be the ideal situation, and explained that the overland flow field has a pipeline right through the middle of the field, so there will probably be two basins installed. He said the current set up is 25 years old, and we just need to go from 90% to 100%.

Todd Goffoy, Financial Advisor with Piper Jaffray, said the deadline is next week to have the information to the County Clerk's office to be placed on the ballot. He said he has been working with City attorney to call a bond election for combined water and sewer revenue bond. He explained that when cities go to finance projects it is done in two ways: 1) request bonds or 2) lease purchase financing. The bond issue goes to the voters and the lease purchase route does not. DOR has the state revolving fund, and if we can get on that can cut the interest rate to 2%.

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He said there is a huge benefit to vote revenue bonds versus going out to get the financing. To get on the list with DOR, the City must have voted bonds and have plans and specs completed. All of this will be coming back to the Board to approve the projects and bonds.

Harline said the dollar amount in the ordinance would have to be changed, as they did not know the exact number Piper Jaffray would recommend until shortly before the meeting. He said that in order make this work fundable by the grant, we needed the green flag by DNR and it came the last week in December so they haven't had a lot of time to put it together. There was some discussion regarding the deadlines for applications for the project. He said the City will only ask for what we need to complete the project, and the amount we ask from voters is the cap.

Lee asked about the term of the bond. Goffoy said they are typically 20 to 25 years, but we mostly see 20 years.

Lee questioned how many other communities have more stringent guidelines, and how many companies are in the business of doing the work we will need done. Davis said there are a lot of companies that can handle it, and we're seeing a pretty competitive market and some bids have been quite low. Harline said that because we are using a land application system, a fair number of those companies will have experience with plant improvements whereas we'll be doing something different. Davis said he would see this as more of a job where the company would need to have big scrapers. Lee asked if the dollar amount included the purchase of 80 acres, and Davis confirmed that it did.

Harline said the irrigation system is the legacy from Al Figley and Lynn Behrns administrations, and the City is blessed to have it. The City's \$12.00 sewer bills are not high compared to most other places. Harline said the sewer bills might go up about \$50 or \$100 per year, and with the water we're looking at between a \$3 to \$5 increase per month.

Goffoy said that when you vote in the amount of bonds, that authorization stays with you forever. The City should vote a small amount, and avoid the situation where you don't have enough bonds and should always vote more than what you think you'll need. Goffoy said his company would suggest \$7.5 to \$7.8 million. That is a big number and thinks that could create some sticker shock, but would give the City the ability to complete these projects.

Harline said that at \$7.8 million, we'd have the estimates for water and sewer, a \$2 buffer plus financing costs. He said he feels that the chances we could get it cheaper than that are very high. He said that because we published the ordinance in the packet with \$5.16 million listed, we have two options: 1) we could do one reading tonight and amend it then bring it back for the second reading next week, or 2) we could amend it and read it tonight in its entirety instead of by title only.

**ACTION AGENDA:**

**Finance: None**

**Permits & Licensing: None**

**Legal:**

**ORDINANCE: Calling April 3, 2018 Municipal Combined Water-Sewer Bond Issue for Capital Improvements**

Alderman Vollrath made a motion to amend the bill from \$5.16 million to \$7.8 million and read it in its entirety. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Vollrath presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2195 to create an ordinance entitled "**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON A REVENUE BOND QUESTION IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.**" Alderman Vollrath moved that it be placed on its first reading in entirety. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read in its entirety. Alderman Vollrath moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time in its entirety. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Vollrath moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved

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and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2932.

**ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor of Centralia, Missouri to enter into an Agreement with Boone County, Missouri for a Law Enforcement Records Management Services**

Harline said this is the system that Sgt. Kribbs brought before the Board last year and will be the same system that Boone County uses. Dudgeon said this is in no way saying the CPD is dissatisfied with the work of Huber and Associates, but is the changing of the times. This system will allow dispatchers to see in real time what is going on in the county. Dudgeon said he thinks Huber costs about \$13,000 per year, but over the lifetime of 5 years we will owe no more money for hardware with the new system. He said Kribbs has done a lot of work on this. Wilkins said it doesn't get rid of the server the Police Dept. currently has, but does push off the maintenance to Boone County.

Harline said the extra piece is to make this more available to smaller cities, and we are still getting value for our sales tax. Wilkins said that they will be adding some modules for evidence tracking that we don't currently have.

**Alderman Lee presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2196 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH BOONE COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM."**

Alderman Lee moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Lee moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Lee moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2933.

**Purchasing:**

**Repairs to Street Sweeper**

Harline said this was discussed briefly at the last meeting, and said he's not crazy about either option. There was discussion regarding overhauling the engine versus putting a new engine in the equipment. Harline said there is a warranty on the new engine.

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to authorize the repairs to the street sweeper in the amount of \$5,779.02. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Alderman Wilkins moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote was:

1. 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; and
2. 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).

Alderman Wilkins asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vollrath. Aldermen voting FOR: Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None.

The meeting went into closed session at 7:57 p.m.

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During the meeting matters were discussed and no vote was taken.

Alderman Wilkins moved to return to open session and asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Lee. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:08 p.m.

**AS MAY ARISE**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Vollrath seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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Heather Russell, City Clerk