



## Board of Aldermen - Special Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm

### CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Minutes:**

Aldermen Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley answered roll call.

Aldermen Lonnie Cox and David Wilkins were absent.

Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, Public Works & Utilities Director Matthew Rusch.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox opened the floor for comments from citizens at 6:30 pm.

Alderman Magley reported he has received complaints from some citizens regarding excessive noise at a house on Columbia Street. Mayor Cox advised the house has been viewed by city staff and they are checking city ordinances to ensure the house is in compliance.

Hearing no further comments the section was closed at 6:32 pm.

### ACTION AGENDA

#### 5. LEGAL

##### a. Contract with Arkansas Electric

*motion*

**Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to enter into an agreement with Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc, for the purchase of transformers beginning January 1, 2024. Alderman

Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 4/ Nay 0/ Absent 2.

## **CLOSED SESSION\***

\*During the meeting, the Board of Aldermen may elect to go into closed session and hold a closed vote, and the purpose of such closed session and closed vote shall be:

1. As provided for under Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

(motion)

### **Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson 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. As provided for under Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. Alderman Hudson asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Magley. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Deckerd, Rodgers, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Cox and Wilkins. The meeting went into closed session at 6:37 p.m. During closed session Alderman Deckerd made a motion to authorize a pay increase of 12% pursuant to the SPI policy of the City of Centralia as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the City and incorporated therein, pursuant to section C of that SPI policy. Employees Osson Cox and Carson Stieferman shall receive a temporary 12% increase in their current rate of pay to begin on July 31, 2023, for their assumption of the roles and duties of Foreman and Assistant Foreman. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Alderman voting FOR: Hudson, Deckerd, Rodgers, Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Cox and Wilkins.

## **7. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

(motion)

### **Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Magley, Rodgers, and Deckerd. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Cox and Wilkins. The meeting returned to open session at 6:54 pm.

## **RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

## **8. AS MAY ARISE**

### **Minutes:**

City Administrator Strain reported the City was recently awarded \$400,000 ARPA funds for sewer main lining projects. She also advised that preliminary information was distributed by DNR regarding possible grant opportunities to assist with lead service lining upgrades. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## 9. ADJOURN

**Minutes:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Hudson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 4/ Nay 0/ Absent 2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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