



Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Aldermen Lonnie Cox, Robert Hudson, David Wilkins, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley answered roll call. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, Police Officer Tanner Craddock. Citizens present: John Martin, Dave Raithel, Linda Bormann. James Smith the Centralia Fireside Guard arrived at 6:32 pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson opened the floor for comments from citizens at 6:31pm. John Martin, a candidate for State Representative District 44, introduced himself and offered a brief summary of his campaign platform.

Linda Bormann questioned if the delinquent taxes listed in the agenda packet would be written off later in the meeting. Attorney Mayfield advised that the actions had already been taken by Boone County, and the Board's approval of the tax reports is primarily perfunctory. Bormann then stated she was concerned that Dayne's Waste Disposal has not been picking up curbside recycling on schedule. Bormann also advised she had requested the Planning & Zoning Commission work with the Board to draft an ordinance to require sidewalks on any property with a new construction.

Dave Raithel then spoke. Raithel advised he is also a State Representative Candidate for District 44, and had come to the Board meeting to listen and observe the needs and concerns of City of Centralia. Hearing no further comments, the section was closed by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson at 6:46 pm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as a group unless separated by request of one or more Aldermen. (Motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

- a. Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
- b. Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- c. General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
- d. Planning & Zoning Minutes
- e. Collector's Report
- f. Treasurer's Report
- g. Activity Reports

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1250, for a total of \$1,128,506.44. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

7. Discussion - Curbside Recycling & Recycling Dumpsters

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain provided a summary of monthly charges for the current recycling dumpsters located on South Street; this recycling service costs the City an average of approximately \$2600 per month. The newly approved contract with Dayne's Waste Disposal includes an option to resume residential curbside recycling pickup of fibrous materials, for a fee of \$1 per household. To continue recycling in the dumpsters, along with Dayne's curbside pickup of only aluminum cans, tin cans, and plastic, the total monthly cost to the City is approximately \$5360. To eliminate the recycling containers, and contract with Dayne's for curbside pickup of aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic, and fibrous materials, the total monthly cost to the City would be approximately \$4580. The Board further discussed the need to provide at least one month of providing both recycling options, in order to give adequate notice to all residents. City Administrator Strain will research the City's options to sell the current recycling containers; if they were purchased with grant funds there may be restrictions placed on their sale.

8. Discussion - Dental & Vision Coverage

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported that the City's current dental/vision insurance provider, United Health Care, offered a renewal proposal with an approximate 4% premium increase. The City's health insurance carrier, Mirma, works with Sun Life Company, who presented a dental/vision/basic life/AD&D plan to the City. City Clerk Dick reported that she had gathered data from Sun Life, and compared the coverages, deductibles, PPO providers, etc, to the current plan, and found them to be comparable. The City pays 100% of the premium for employees and their families. Sun Life Company would save the City approximately \$4000 annually.

9. Discussion - Requirement for New Construction to Require Sidewalks

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported that the City has a demolition agreement that provides \$1500 assistance if a home is demolished, and another \$1500 if the home is rebuilt. There is currently no requirement for a sidewalk to be built on the site, if there was not one existing there before the structure was demolished; this primarily applies to older homes, and not those in new subdivisions. If an existing sidewalk is removed, it must be rebuilt to ADA compliancy. City Attorney Mayfield advised that existing easements should be reviewed on a property-by-property basis. To bring some property's sidewalks up to ADA compliance, with proper easements, could significantly cut into some locations' spaces. The Board requested further research into other municipalities' ordinances and procedures. The topic will be re-addressed at a future meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

10. FINANCE

a. Surplus Equipment Items

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Rodgers made a motion to declare the fire department Rescue Combi Tool and the street department Snowplow 8'6" with lights as surplus property. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

b. Motion for Approving Budgeted Inter-Fund Transfer

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to approve the annual budgeted Inter-Fund Transfers, as presented: \$25000 from Electric Fund to Cemetery Fund; \$50000 from Water Fund to General Fund; \$200000 from Electric Fund to General Fund. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

c. Motion for Delinquent Tax Report

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Delinquent Tax Report prepared by Boone County Collectors. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

d. Report on County Tax Abatements

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Tax Abatements prepared by Boone County

Collectors. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

11. PURCHASING

a. Motion Curbside Recycling & Recycling Dumpsters

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the Dayne's Waste Disposal addition of curbside recycling of fibrous materials, and discontinue the city's recycling dumpsters service. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

b. Motion for Employee Dental & Vision Plan

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept the Sun Life proposal for employee dental, vision, basic life, AD&D coverage, effective January 1, 2024. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

12. MAYOR

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Monthly Report

14. CITY ATTORNEY

15. CITY CLERK

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 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri 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;
2. 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.

16. CLOSED SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd 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 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri 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. 2. 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 Deckerd asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilkins. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: none. The meeting went into closed session at 7:20 p.m.

17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

During closed session, only legal and personnel matters were discussed, and no vote was taken. Alderman Wilkins made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Aldermen voting for: Cox, Hudson, Wilkins, Deckerd, Rodgers, and Magley. Voting against: none. Absent; none. The meeting returned to open session at 8:05 pm.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

18. AS MAY ARISE

19. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Pro-Tem Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye: 6; Nay: 0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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