

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Don Bormann, Robert Hudson, Landon Magley, and Don Rodgers answered roll call.

Absent: Aldermen James Lee and David Wilkins

Also present were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Mike Forsee, Street Dept. Foreman Phil Hoffman, Electric Dept. Foreman Jeff Armontrout, Deputy City Clerk Donna Stephens, Asst. City Clerk II Phyllis Brown, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard

**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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Donna Stephens, Deputy City Clerk. Mexico, MO

Stephens said she had a citizen ask what would happen if there is not someone hired before Matt Harline leaves. Donna said she did not know the answer, so she asked Heather Russell who said she really didn't know but did say Russell had expressed interest in serving as the interim. Stephens said she was not asked to come before the Board but wanted to say that Russell would do a good job for the City in that position.

Phyllis Brown, Asst. City Clerk II. 802 Southland, Centralia, MO

Brown said she has worked with Heather for 10 years and thinks Heather would do a great service in the interim position.

Hudson said that he has received two communications from constituents, one was signed "Concerned Citizen" that ended up in the trash can since it wasn't signed with an actual name. He said he got a call from Amanda who said she had spoken with Matt Harline. Amanda lives at 440 S Miles and said the ditch has been deteriorating and is asking for the City to do something about it. Harline said there was some money budgeted last year and some this year, but we ran over budget on some other things last year. He said he thinks we could do something with it this year, and one of the engineered set of plans include to continue a concrete of the Miles street ditch. Hoffman said the plan is to do the chunk from the curb to the ditch to get it straightened up. To fix it, Hoffman said he would need to rent a jackhammer to go through the concrete, and it is in the plans for this summer.

Hearing no further comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

**ACTION AGENDA:**

**Legal:**

**ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Sections 26-118 of the City of Centralia Code to Set Service Charges for Water Provided by the City of Centralia**

Harline said the City increased water rates 5% last year and costs were going up faster than usage. This is a proposed increase of 10% that was discussed in an earlier meeting. This increase would help the City go down the pathway to request bonds. We have seen a reduction in the amount of water used, so we believe a 10% increase this year and a 5% increase next year is sufficient. Bormann questioned where the City will end up to pay off these bonds. Harline said the 10% increase and 5% increase should be enough for a state revolving fund bond. Hudson asked if this was in alignment with what we published in the flyer. Harline said it is exactly what we published in the flyer. Bormann questioned what the state recommends for what water rates should be. Harline said it would be standard to have 2% of annual income for water and 2% for sewer, which equals about a \$70 water and sewer bill each.

Alderman Hudson presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2229 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 26-118 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SUBSECTION SECTION 26-118 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE TO SET SERVICE CHARGES FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.**” Alderman Hudson 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 Magley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Hudson moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Magley 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 Hudson moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Magley seconded the motion.

Bormann said his only concern is that we have said we are looking at getting money from DNR on the revolving fund. He said the problem with borrowing money from them is that we have to follow their rules. Their rules say they have a say in what we set our rates and how we do the maintenance. Bormann said he’s not opposed to this bill, but is concerned about DNR telling us how to set our rates in the future. Harline said DNR will require an analysis of our rates and they will make suggestions. Hudson said this will be a risk regardless what we do with this bill. Bormann said he is concerned that in the future that this could be well more than what we want to set our rates. Harline asked for an example of when they have done that, but Bormann said he didn’t know of an example. Harline said the engineers we have worked with have not seen that problem, but we will ask that question.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Magley, and Rodgers. 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 2963.

**ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Sections 26-125 and Subsection 26-134 of the City of Centralia Code to Increase Charges for Users of the Sewerage System Provided by the City of Centralia**

Harline said that we need to defeat this ordinance, and per City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, we are required to have advertised a public hearing 30 days prior to the passage of the ordinance to change the rates.

Alderman Bormann made a motion to take no action on this agenda item. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE: Repealing and Replacing Subsections A and B of Section 26-115 of the City of Centralia Code to Set Service Charges for Electricity Provided by the City of Centralia**

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2230 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF SECTION 26-115 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF SECTION 26-115 TO SET SERVICE CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.**” Alderman Bormann 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 Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Bormann moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Magley 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 Bormann moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion.

Harline said that Alderman Lee is not here, but he did make the comment that we may not want to consider reducing the electric rates. It is about \$90,000 the City would be foregoing in revenue. Harline said that when we increased the rates by 5% last year it was to offset the costs from the storm damage. Based on that, we are still 2.5% higher than they were 2 years ago. It covers the cost to renovations to City hall, or ½ of the digger Derrick truck. Bormann questioned if the electric fund recovered from the damage. Harline said it has recovered and we are slightly ahead. He said we budgeted for a backyard machine, but the cost was significantly higher than the budgeted amount.

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Hudson noted that we said we would decrease it at the time we passed the 5% increase, and he thinks it is reasonable to reduce half the amount. Bormann said he thinks we should do what we said we would do.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Magley, and Rodgers. 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 2964.

**Purchasing:**

**Authorizing the Mayor to sign Task Orders for Engineering work in Association with the Water Plant Upgrades**

Harline said there are four task orders; two will be in the next fiscal year CEN20-TO-W01 and CEN20-TO-W02, but the other two need action today. He said that for CEN19-T-W01 there is significant money in the budget, and for CEN19-T-W02 will be reimbursed with money from the bonds, but there is enough in reserves to cover this amount.

Bormann said this is where he has a problem. He stated that he doesn't have a problem with design work but asked what we are doing design work for. He said that if we take state money for this, we are limited on what the city can self-inspect, and if we have to hire the engineering company the engineering fees go up. He said he would like to know what the cost would be if we deal with state funds vs non-state funds.

Harline said Todd Goffay thinks the savings would not as much. There is more work, there are limits to what you can charge for engineers through the state revolving funds. He said there are advantages and disadvantages. He said you are talking one full percent on \$5 million bonds. These task orders don't determine the way we have to go with bonds.

There was some discussion regarding the difference in costs if the Water & Sewer Dept. did the inspections versus having Bartlett & West doing the inspections, and which inspections the City Staff would be allowed to do. Magley said that if there is not much difference in the costs, he would prefer to hire Bartlett & West to do it and allow Mike's staff to work on their own work. Grenke questioned if the person in the water plant would be qualified to do the inspections. Forsee said he thought he would have to do them himself. Rodgers asked if there was a way Bartlett & West could come in and tell us what the city could do vs what they should do. Bormann asked if we could get them in this month. Harline said he thought they could come in this month.

The task orders were tabled to the May 21, 2018 meeting, and Harline said he would talk to Bartlett & West to see if someone could explain them in more detail.

**Accepting the bid for a refurbished 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Vehicle with Equipment**

A proposal from Joe Watt Auto Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$32,000 (minus \$1500 for a trade in) was provided in the meeting packet for the purchase of a 2017 used Ford Taurus Sedan police car.

Dudgeon said that we have not bought a vehicle through this Joe Watt Auto Sales. This proposal is for a 2017 Ford Taurus with 12 month / 12,000 mile warranty. Watts would offer \$1500 for a trade in, which is a 2011 Crown Victoria with 112,000 miles which was purchased in April 2015. With the trade in, it brings the total price to \$30,500. It has the camera system and all will have to do is put the decals on it.

Hudson questioned if this car was ready, and Dudgeon said it is ready and we won't have to spend a whole week getting this car ready. Dudgeon said he thinks it is smart to trade in vehicle #823.

Hudson said that looking at proposals from a few weeks ago, which was \$50,000 plus interest. One year's lease on the other one would be the equivalent to the purchase price of this one.

Magley asked what we got out of the last car we sold. Harline said it brought a little over \$2000.

Dudgeon said this car would be assigned to Bellamy.

Harline questioned how much detail they gave about the accident it was in. Dudgeon said it took on some damage during an arrest procedure, but was not in an accident.

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Alderman Magley made a motion to accept the bid from Joe Watt Auto Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$30,500 with \$1500 for a trade in) for the purchase of a 2017 used Ford Taurus Sedan police car. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Declaring Surplus Property**

**Police Car 828**

Harline said this is the one we are getting rid of because we got the K-9 car.

Dudgeon said that right now the car is sitting there ready to sell, but we've been using it to go back and forth to training. Harline questioned how many officers don't have their own car. Dudgeon said there are 3 or 4.

Smith asked if it is this a Crown Vic. Dudgeon said it was.

Hudson asked if Dudgeon wanted to keep vehicle 828.

Harline said the strategy to buy new cars is based on getting rid of something else. This car was to be gotten rid of in 2014, but it was kept in the fleet.

Dudgeon argued that the car is being used currently

Harline questioned if there would be no more repairs done on this car. Dudgeon asked what they should do if take the car to Jeff City for training and the transmission falls out. Several Aldermen said to leave the car there. There was some discussion regarding the cost for keeping the car.

Hudson questioned if it would be okay to table it for 6 months as long as we don't spend any money on it other than light maintenance, not major repairs. Magley suggested that when the guy brings the new car, he might be able to give us a rough estimate of what he might give us for it in September.

Harline said we can still declare it surplus property and keep the insurance on it. Bormann asked if we could declare it surplus and then sell it in November

Alderman Hudson made a motion to declare police car #828 (Blue Crown Victoria) as surplus property with the intention of disposing it by the end of November 2018 unless something major goes wrong with the car or a reasonable offer is submitted for the sale of the car. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**Street Dept. Gilchrist Paver**

Harline said we haven't used the paver since at least 2014 and can put it on govdeals.com to sell it. Bormann asked when it was used last. Hoffman said that we don't have enough guys to use it, no roller, etc. to make it useful. He said that the road district won't use it anymore either.

Magley what the paver is worth. Hoffman said he wasn't not really sure, and he hasn't found a good comparable. Magley questioned what we will list it for. Hoffman said he has seen them in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range, but don't know if those are really comparable.

Alderman Bormann made a motion to declare the Gilchrist paver in the Street Dept. as surplus property to sell on govdeals.com. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

**Office Chairs**

Russell said that some office chairs were donated to the City from Brian Maenner's company that was remodeling. There were two office chairs left from the old chairs at City Hall, as the others have been distributed to other departments.

**AS MAY ARISE**

Dudgeon said he wanted to give kuddos to Lt. Kribbs, his wife and Officer Davenport for their Project Prom at the Rec Center. They had about 35-40 kids attend, and they will do it again next year. Also Kribbs and Davenport did a good job putting together the Docudrama at the high school last week.

Harline – the lien release from Merle Wright has arrived and has been filed, and we need to set a closing date. The remaining amount is \$7795, and Harline said he thinks we can approve that next Monday, but it's part of the

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contract. We have the check ready for Frank Love but won't release it until we get the final paperwork. The only thing the City has paid is the taxes.

Bormann asked when they will make a decision on the grant. Harline said it should be decided in June. Bormann questioned if we need to have it in our name when the grant is approved. Harline said we don't have to, but it would be a good thing.

Grenke said he would be at annual training next Monday – Friday, so will be out of town all next week.

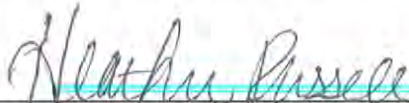
Dudgeon asked where we are with respect to 119 N Barr. Harline said that we can remove stuff from our right of way and are proceeding with that. Dudgeon asked where the city right of way is. Forsee said there is a right of way straight back. Dudgeon asked if there is anything more we can do. Harline said we can seek an administrative search warrant and remove stuff from his property, but if we remove anything of value and dispose of it we could be liable. Dudgeon asked if that is a City Attorney thing as opposed to an April Wilson thing. Harline said that either one could do the search warrant.

Magley asked if we charge them for clean-up. Harline said we would have to cover the cost to clean up our right of way.

Dudgeon requested for Harline to talk with Cydney Mayfield to see what we need to do about starting the process for an administrative search warrant.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



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Heather Russell, City Clerk

