

Mayor Grenke called the special meeting to order at 6:41p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent:

Also present were Interim City Administrator Heather Russell, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, Police Officer David Davenport, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard

**CLOSED MEETING**

Alderman Bormann 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 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 government body. Alderman Wilkins 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: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None.

The meeting went into closed session at 6:42 p.m.

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to return to open session and asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None.

Returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

During closed session, only personnel matters were discussed and no vote was taken.

**AS MAY ARISE**

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to approve the hiring committee's recommendation to hire Heather Russell as the City Administrator and asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers, and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: Aldermen Bormann.

Aldermen Bormann addressed Heather Russell and stated that his vote was no reflection on her as the New City Administrator but had concerns with her having a real estate license.

Heather then stated that she realizes that City Administrator is her number one priority and was excited about the opportunity.

Mayor Grenke congratulated Heather Russell as the new City Administrator of Centralia and added that there would be a review in 6 months.

Further As May Arise:

Aldermen Hudson asked about a meeting on Monday to review Police Chief Applications. Aldermen Magley asked when the final date for accepting application, and Russell stated that it was July 6<sup>th</sup>. Aldermen Magley felt as though no action should be taken until after the deadline. Aldermen Hudson then suggested that a review of the applications be done and possibly narrow search to two or three candidates and start setting up interviews for after the July 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. Then possibly meet half hour or so earlier on July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to review any further applications and see if anyone else may want to be considered. This could speed up the process for hiring the new Chief of Police by about a week.

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The Mayor asked Phyllis Brown about how many applications we have at this time and she stated 7 or 8. At this time Aldermen Hudson stated that was why he was proposing we meet and look at current applications on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to narrow down search and speed up hiring process as soon as possible following the deadline.

Aldermen Bormann stated that he was not in favor of leaving the application period open for a month but that was what the board decided and he felt that we needed to keep it open for a month and he didn't feel that we should do anything prior to that.

After some discussion amongst the aldermen it was decided to go into closed session following the July 9th board meeting to go over the Police Chief applications to decide on whom to set up interviews with.

Mayor Grenke then brought up a proposal to change the committee meetings from 3 times a month to only 2 times per month. With this change we would have Public Works/Public Utilities/General Government & Public Safety meetings on the first Monday of the month followed by the Board of aldermen meeting on the third Monday. After some discussion it was noted that an ordinance would need to be adopted for this to happen.

**Further As May Arise:**

Mayor Grenke proposed that before the hiring of a new Police Chief that there needed to be some discussion as to whom he or she would report to. Currently the person in that position is required to report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. He proposed that be changed to the City Administrator. City Attorney Mayfield stated that in the formal description for the Chief of Police it needs to be stated whom this person would report to and it needs to be stated in the job description now before hiring a new Police Chief.

Russell did also state that one prerequisite for the new Police Chief was that he did need to reside within the City limits of Centralia.

After some discussion it was decided that City Attorney Mayfield would draft a position description that the Chief of Police would report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen during the first year and that this would be subject to change after being re-assessed in 6 months at which time they could report to the City Administrator, giving Russell time to get acclimated in her new position before adding that responsibility.

Aldermen Bormann made the motion as described by City Attorney Mayfield and was seconded by Aldermen Magley. Mayor called for vote and motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



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Donna Stephens, Deputy City Clerk