

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent:

Also present were City Administrator Heather Russell, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, Police Lt. Tim Kribbs, Officer David Davenport, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Caleb Pasha, Renee & Mike Reeter, Evelyn Robertson, Richard & Lori Trask & Boyd Harris.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Grenke asked for approval of the Consent Agenda in its entirety or any items to be pulled for comment or correction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Prior Meetings – June 18, 2018, June 28, 2018 and July 2, 2018
- B. Minutes of Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting – July 2, 2018
- C. Minutes of General Government Committee Meeting – July 9, 2018
- D. Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission – July 12, 2018
- E. Reports
 1. Treasurer's & Collector's Reports
 2. Activity Reports

Motion was made by Alderman Wilkins to accept the consent agenda as written. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable over \$1250 was presented in the amount of \$366012.70.

Alderman Wilkins made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$366012.70. Alderman Lee seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

The Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

Evelyn Robertson of 221 S Sunset congratulated Heather Russell on her appointment to Centralia City Administrator.

Evelyn then asked about the Neriganza building as to who owns the property and the status of the building. Mayor Grenke told her that the City now owns the building and the City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant and awardees are to be notified after the first of August. The City is currently awaiting decision from the committee as to whether the City has been chosen as a recipient of the grant. Evelyn then asked when previous owner is to vacate personal property from said location and she was told he had until July 31st. She also wanted to know if the City owed him anything more and questioned as to whether he was to get any of the brick or anything and she was told No by Mayor Grenke.

Richard and Lori Task, of 612 E Early, spoke of an incident this past Saturday morning when a lady walked into the back of their house stating that two men were chasing her. The Trask's called 911 immediately but it was 30 minutes before the police arrived. They expressed great concern that it took so long when they felt that they were being threatened and quicker action was not taken by the police department.

Mayor Grenke told them that he would look into the matter and get with them.

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Hearing no further comments, the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting was closed at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Grenke.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Centralia, Missouri to Enter into an Amended Agreement with Piper Jaffray & Co. of Leawood, Kansas for Financial Services

City Administrator Russell explained the need for this ordinance for the Park Department.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no.2239 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH PIPER JAFFRAY & CO. OF LEAWOOD, KANSAS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES.**” 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 Wilkins 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 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 Bormann 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: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers 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 Deputy City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2973.

Permits & Licensing: None

Legal:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Voluntary Annexation of Certain Adjacent Contiguous Unincorporated Area into the City of Centralia, Missouri

Russell stated that there were 2 public hearing on this matter, one on June 7th with the Planning and Zoning Meeting and second hearing on July 2 at the Public Works and Public safety meeting. Russell stated that there have been no verbal or written comments concerning this matter since the July 2 meeting.

Alderman Rodgers presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2240 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS UNINCORPORATED AREA INTO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.**” Alderman Rodgers 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 Lee and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Rodgers 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 no discussion Alderman Rodgers 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: Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers and Wilkins. Abstaining: Aldermen Bormann. 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 Deputy City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2974.

Someone arrived

ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 31 of the Centralia City Code Relating to the Zoning of Certain Land Brought into the City of Centralia, Missouri by Annexation and Amending the Zoning Map Accordingly

Alderman Magley presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2241 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE RELATING TO THE ZONING OF CERTAIN LAND BROUGHT INTO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI BY ANNEXATION AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY.**”

Alderman Magley 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 Magley 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 no discussion Alderman Magley moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. Prior to the roll call vote there were three changes made to the amendment, after which The Mayor called for a roll call vote as described and amended. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers and Wilkins. Abstaining: Aldermen Bormann. 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 Deputy City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2975.

ORDINANCE: Fixing the Compensation of Certain Employees of the City of Centralia, Missouri

Russell said the City Code has an established position for a Director of Public Works and Public Utilities, but there has not been anyone in the position for many years. There was a Director of Public Works and Public Utilities under former City Administrator Lynn Behrns for about ten years, and having someone in that position would be very beneficial to the City. In order to be fiscally responsible, this ordinance would promote current Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Mike Forsee to the position of Director of Public Works and Public Utilities and current Water & Sewer Dept. Lead Equipment Operator Matt Rusch to Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman, which means the City would be promoting from within and not adding another person to the payroll.

Alderman Wilkins presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2242 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI.**” Alderman Wilkins 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 Wilkins moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson 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 no discussion Alderman Wilkins moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Lee seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers 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 Deputy City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2976.

ORDINANCE: Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Centralia, Missouri to Execute a Long-term Lease Agreement with Kingdom Telecommunications, Inc., doing business as Phynx Fiber of Auxvasse, Missouri for Permission to Occupy a Portion of Land at the Corner of Adams Street and Lakeview Street Owned by the City of Centralia, Missouri

This motion was tabled due to revisions that needed to be clarified by City and Phynx Fiber and to be placed on the August 6th agenda.

ORDINANCE: Calling November 6, 2018 Municipal Election to Impose a City Wide Public Safety Sales Tax of One-half Percent

Mayor Grenke spoke of July 5th meeting in Jefferson City July 5th concerning the signing of the Public Safety Sales Tax Bill by Governor Parson.

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Aldermen Bormann discussed the feasibility of a Use Tax. There was some discussion on the Use tax and the Public Safety Tax but majority of the Aldermen felt that most feasible at this time was the Public Safety Tax.

Aldermen Hudson proposed that they entertain the motion for a Use Tax at a later date.

After some discussion among the Aldermen the Mayor proposed a motion for the Public Safety Tax be read by Aldermen Hudson.

Alderman Hudson presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2243 to create an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, TO IMPOSE A CITY WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO BE PLACED ON ALL RETAIL SALES MADE IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PURSUANT TO § 94.900 RSMo. PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT THE PROPOSITION OF “SHALL THE CITY OF CENTRALIA IMPOSE A CITYWIDE SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY?”**”

Alderman Wilkins 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 Wilkins moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson 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 no discussion Alderman Hudson 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: Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: Bormann. 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 Deputy City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2977.

Purchasing:

Approving Certification for Payment #1 from Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC

The certification for payment in the amount of \$51,190.75 from Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC was provided in the meeting packet. Russell explained the progress that was being made on the project, which included the installation of the LED lights at City Hall, the Police Department and the Fire Station, as well as weather stripping around the doors at those locations and caulking around all of the windows at City Hall. They are still working to finish the installation of the LED street lights, but the original count is about 130 less than the number of lights to be replaced.

Aldermen Rodgers asked if there were means set forth for tracking of the energy savings.

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to authorize the approval of the certification for payment #1 from Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC in the amount of \$51,190.75. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Approving the Best Bid for Pole Mount Transformers for the Electric Dept.

Bids for five single phase 25 KVA pole mount transformers for the Electric Dept. were provided in the meeting packet as follows:

- T & R Electric: \$2,310.00
- Arkansas Electric: \$3,125.00

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After brief discussion, Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the purchase of the Pole Mount Transformers from T & R for the amount of \$2,310.00. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Approving the Best Bid for a Skid Steer

Bids for the Skid Steer were provided in the packet as follows:

- Henderson Implement: \$67,868.93
- Martin Equipment: \$67,822.75
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After some discussion amongst the Aldermen, Alderman Wilkins made a motion to approve the purchase of the skid steer from Henderson Implement for the amount of \$67,868.93. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously. Abstained: Aldermen Magley

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Mayor:

Appointments:

Mayor Grenke appointed part-time Police Officer Brian Dulany to full time status with the Centralia Police Department. Alderman Wilkins so moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Brian Dulany to full time status with the Centralia Police Department. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke re-appointed John Kottwitz to the Tree Board for a three year term. Alderman Wilkins so moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of John Kottwitz to the Tree Board for a three year term. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator:

Citizen Survey

Request from Robert Wright to Hang a Banner for Pumpkin Fest

City Administrator Russell stated that Wright approached her about putting a banner over Allen street from JJ's on the East and just across the Street for the October 20th Octoberfest. The banner would hang for about a month letting the public know of the upcoming festival. Russell stated that there was nothing in the city code about this type of matter therefore; she was bringing it before the board for their discussion and possible approval.

The Aldermen then discussed at length and expressed concerns of the various heights of the sign due to truck and tractor traffic along that street. Russell stated that a motion needed to be made to approve the placing of the sign as aforementioned with the conditions that Mr. Wright showing proof of liability insurance naming the City as additional insured and meeting height requirement.

The motion was tabled until City Administrator Russell can seek counsel on height restrictions for vehicles traveling that street.

City Attorney:

Mayor Grenke ask Attorney Mayfield her feelings of the bill passing for funding for Police and Fire force and she felt that it was a positive aspect for the community.

Deputy City Clerk:

No comments

CLOSED SESSION

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Alderman Lee 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: 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 therefore; such closed session and closed vote shall be for as provided for under Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Alderman Lee 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 7:53p.m.

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

Board of Aldermen returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Grenke announced to attendees that during closed session, only real estate matters were discussed a vote was taken and an offer was made for property for sewage disposal system.

AS MAY ARISE

Aldermen Hudson made motion to call a special meeting on August 6th to discuss various matters and was seconded by Aldermen Lee. Mayor Grenke asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, Rodgers and Wilkins. Voting AGAINST: None.

Aldermen Hudson asked about adding a second crosswalk on Allen Street on the south side of the Hubbell building where there is a lot of foot traffic. Aldermen Magley and Rodgers stated that there used to be a crosswalk there at one time. Aldermen Hudson also asked if current crosswalk could be refreshed. Mayor Grenke stated that he would talk with foreman Phil Hoffman concerning this matter.

Aldermen Hudson expressed a desire, after hiring of a Chief of Police, Hubbell would like to have a meet and greet of the new City Officials along with a campus tour later on in August.

Mayor Grenke then mentioned a meeting July 19th for interviews for Chief of Police with interviews at 5:30pm, 6:15pm & 7:00pm and that it is an open session.

After such interviews there will be a closed session at end of for the purpose of discussing personnel.

City Administrator Russell stated that she would be on vacation July 27th through August 4th, but would she would be available by phone if needed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Donna Stephens, Deputy City Clerk