

## **Minutes of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for Monday, December 10, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman, Jim Lee at 7:15 p.m.

### I. PRESENT

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Don Rodgers, Don Bormann, Landon Magley, Robert Hudson, and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator, Heather Russell, Electric Foreman Jeff Armontrout, Water Foreman Matthew Rusch, Public Works and Public Utilities Director Mike Forsee, and Chief Bob Bias. Citizens present were: None

### III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

### IV. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

#### A. Activity Report

Rusch said he and Forsee had a meeting to go over the Water Plant with Bartlett and West, everything was being checked off. He said they have submitted to DNR already.

#### B. Water

Rusch said Cody Ricklefs passed his Water Treatment test.

#### C. Sewer

None

#### D. Other

There was discussion regarding increase in tap fees for water and sewer. Russell said this has been discussed before and ours are very minimal. Forsee said to do a tap was around \$730, he said checking around \$750 was not very uncommon especially when going across the road. Forsee wants to check on water lines and having the Contractors for new homes, responsible for the water fees. Forsee said we really need to up these prices. Russell would like discussion tonight and we can bring it back Monday. Hudson asked if our current price is structured price and it is not currently. Forsee said most do have a two tiered fee. Hudson asked if we have an estimate when we go across the road. Forsee said we do not have much variation. Bormann would like to see the average and meet in the middle and Hudson agreed with Bormann. Russell said the average would work better for the office staff.

### V. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

#### A. Activity Report

Armontrout said a lot of the lighting issues, he cannot do anything because he is waiting on getting stock in. Right now it is either a blown fuse or a bulb issue. He is hoping these are lower maintenance. Lee asked if we have a large amount of bulb failures and he said one they just had to screw it in and the other had blown by the Guard office. Armontrout said the tree trimmers are still going at it. Lee asked if they are close to finishing and Armontrout said they have quite a bit to go. Armontrout said they have the new decorations up and the old ones are boxed up.

#### B. Generation/Purchase

##### 1. Proposed contract with NextEra until 2030

Russell discussed the memo, NextEra wants to extend their contract through 2030 all of this energy is in zone five. Cost would go down 2020-2030 and then back up to what we have now. She believes this would be safe, we do own a portion of Prairie State. MPUAs proposal came out higher. Russell said the contract has been sent to Cydney Mayfield our City Attorney. Russell said we are still paying for our portion of Prairie State. Hudson would like to know if there was a clause in there, if the market had changes, Bormann agrees. Russell needs to talk with Bob Harbour to let him know the direction we are going. Bormann asked how many Cities are in on this

and Russell said four of us. Hudson and Bormann are curious about rate changes. Russell is going to get more information and get it emailed it out.

C. Distribution

None

D. Other

None

VI. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Activity Report

Forsee said Hoffman and his crew are caught up on their street cuts. DC's had some work done. Patching with concrete and DC's even offered to pay half of it. Russell said they came in and asked for help and were willing to work with them

B. Streets

Mayes Meadows, Forsee said Christenson was out milling and if we can get a decent weather week, we can get it paved. Forsee also said we they are \$10,000 under budget and are planning to work on Jefferson and Lakeview.

C. Sanitation

Russell said we have had complaints about starting too early.

D. Storm water

None

E. Other

Russell said she wanted to clarify about Randolph road and 24-foot road and it does not include shoulders and we have to give 3 consecutive notices in the paper and Cydney Mayfield can be here. The first will be right before the Board of Aldermen at 6:00p.m.

VII. OTHER

A. Public Works & Public Utilities Director's Report

Forsee said with JBS we meter how much sewage they pump to the lagoon and it has been getting blocked up. He said some of the bills being sent out were high and we are going to put in Thursday and put in a strap meter that will be more accurate, this has been an ongoing problem with sludge. Forsee is trying to get them an accurate reading. The force main from Hwy 22 to the old landfill, it's for a three-inch line.

B. Wage Rate Study

Russell just wanted to let the Board know the last wage study was in 2005. There is a representative from each department and they are researching and will bring their findings back to the Board. She said they are all working very hard on this. Grenke asked about the Aldermen and Russell said they could check into that as well.

VIII. \*CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wilkins moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri to hold a closed meeting as provided for under Section 610.021 (2) 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. Alderman Wilkins asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson. The motion passed with the following vote being unanimous.

The meeting went into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

During closed session there was discussion with no vote taken. Alderman Wilkins made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Returned to open session at 7:46 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

**Wilkins, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Hudson seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:48p.m.**