

## **Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, April 11, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

### I. ATTENDANCE.

Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Landon Magley, Dick Ward, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee and Don Bormann. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Ginny Zoellers Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and David Lawrence with the Fireside Guard. Citizens present included; Don Rodgers, Jessica Orsini, Daniel De La Rosa, Cheri Grenke, Jessica Grenke, Jason Lockwood, Nick Lockwood, Jordan Bruce Grayson Bruce, Russ Ann Haas, Tristan Haas, Brandy Hess, Brenda Moss, Matt Hensley, Sierra Whitehead, Savannah Rodgers, Jordan Cooper, Nicole Hudson, Raegan Hudson, Gracie Hudson, Sydney Hudson and Draven Dickerson.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS.

Mayor Grenke introduced Grayson Bruce and Nick Lockwood who had interviewed the Mayor for a Cub Scout project and thanked them for attending tonight's meeting.

#### A. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK - April 10-16, 2016.

Police Chief Dudgeon asked the Centralia Police Department dispatchers to introduce themselves and state their years of service. Mayor Grenke presented the dispatchers his Proclamation for Telecommunications Week and thanks them for their hard work, service and dedication to the community.

#### B. CENTRALIA LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY – APRIL 11, 2016

Mayor Grenke thanked the City Electric Department for keeping the community safe and their service, he read the Lineworker's Day Proclamation.

### V.COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

Jessica Orsini revisited the concerns from citizens about the speed limit on Singleton. Orsini asked that the City consider reducing the speed limit to 25 mph, due to several children in that area at the railroad tracks or possibly even out to HWY 124. Harline responded and noted it would be on the agenda in the near future. Cheri and Jessica Grenke approached the Committee with their concerns regarding rental properties stating we have a lot of good landlords in this town and some that are not. C. Grenke made reference to three specific properties and provided pictures of two of them. C. Grenke went into specific detail in regards to a landlord who refused to return a deposit to them even though the ceiling caved in in one room. C. Grenke discussed another rental property with severe interior damage and reported that the landlord refused to do necessary repairs. C. Grenke asked the Board to consider some kind of Ordinance that would allow someone in a situation such as these to be able to get the property condemned for being uninhabitable. Wilkins asks for clarification on C. Grenke's proposition as to who would call and ask for the inspections. C. Grenke provided a copy of an Ordinance from the City of Moberly that allows either the Landlord or Tennant to call for an inspection. Lee asked if the damage was visible when tenants did their walk through. C. Grenke responded it had occurred after the fact. Bormann asked C. Grenke to clarify that the landlord did not refund their deposit after the damage had occurred, C. Grenke responded that was correct. Wilkins asked Harline if a request such as that could be requested from the Health Department. Harline stated yes they can be requested but the County Health Department is not able to do much. Harline stated most of the municipal

rental inspection codes require occupancy permits at the time someone new rents a property or on a schedule such as every three years. Harline noted that if the City wanted to have health and building inspections it would require an individual that is trained to do inspections. Harline noted such a Rental Inspection Program has its advantages, yet fees would need to be accessed to cover the costs of the program.

## V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. City Prosecutor  
No report.

### B. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report.

Grenke asked Police Chief Dudgeon if an officer had to response to each of the 900+ calls the dispatcher's receive monthly. Police Chief Dudgeon replied no.

### 2. Other

Police Chief Dudgeon asked about the left over budgeted money from the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. He stated he wanted to use that money from last year to replace the on-board cameras in the police cars. Wilkins asked for clarification for the amount requested. Police Chief Dudgeon replied with the amount. Harline responded that unused funds from the General Fund are not stored by department and that funds from last year have been repurposed. Chief asked for a cash approval from the Committee that evening. Harline noted a source of funds would have to be identified but this could be revisited at another time.

### C. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report.

Harline asked how the new hires were doing and Fire Chief Rusch replied that they have jumped right in and are doing great. Wilkins asked about the cost for the firework training. Harline responded that it included the costs for the hotel and training and Fire Chief Rusch added that the license was good for three years.

### 2. Other.

### D. Emergency Management.

Harline reported that LEPC will be meeting next week.

### E. Protective Inspection.

#### 1. Rental Inspection Program

Harline reported about how a Rental Properties Protective Inspections Program might work and gave some details about Columbia's program. Wilkins asked if this also involved the dangerous structures and buildings. Harline discussed parts of the dangerous building codes and the differences from Rental Inspection Programs. Harline asked if the Committee wanted to look further into some other surrounding cities programs. Bormann noted the County by Law cannot get involved in such inspections. Bormann asked for research to continue Magley, Lee, Wilkins, Vollrath, Ward and Mayor Grenke all agreed. Lee asked if anyone knew if the problem properties were locally owned, management groups or absentee owners. C. Grenke gave additional information regarding the properties she spoke about. Harline suggested that the City should approach the matter

as a commercial enterprise manner, versus all residential structures and the Board agreed.

## VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

### A. Economic Development.

#### 1. CREDI

Harline noted that CREDI had listed accomplishments for this year, but the plan for next year had not been received to date. He noted they have done fine work, but if report from CREDI is not received by Thursday he will not be inclined to put it in the Agenda for approval. Harline also noted no CREDI Representative present. Harline made note of CREDI's request to make their contract a two-year contract as opposed to a one year term. Wilkins stated he personally did not have an issue with their request as long as they can forecast what they are going to do for a two-year period. Bormann stated he felt since they were still a relatively new organization, he felt a one-year contract was a better choice. Grenke agreed with Wilkins that they would need to project their plans. Harline asked to revisit contract as a one year or two-year contract, Grenke stated let's see what they ask for.

#### 2. Chamber of Commerce

Grenke welcomed and thanked Ginny Zoellers, Executive Director from the Chamber of Commerce for attending the meeting. Ginny pointed out what the Chamber's annual report outlines. Zoellers noted that they are really pushing the use of Social Media for the business community. Zoellers reported that the Chamber is slowly replacing the Christmas Decorations for the City and are looking to expand their Elf Project. Zoellers requested the annual disbursement for this coming year from the Committee. Zoellers also noted the Chamber's Budget Report on how the money will be spent. Harline noted the study with CREDI and Chamber was excellent work and it is mentioned in their report.

### B. Park Board

Wilkins noted that Park Board meeting minutes for the last two meetings were included in the packet. Grenke asked how the Pool project was coming along and Harline responded some adjustments had been made and the project was continuing to move ahead.

### C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

No report.

### D. Tree Board.

Wilkins noted that there was no report.

### E. Library Board

Wilkins noted that there were minutes and an agenda in packet, for the meeting on the March 10, 2016. Harline stated the Jack Meyer, the newly appointed Library Director would be attending the next General Government and Public Safety Meeting.

### F. Finance

Financial statements for March 2016, were in the agenda packet. Harline stated that sales taxes came in at budget, but less than last year.

### G. Bills over \$1,250

Wilkins noted that the Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250, equal to \$260,967.97.

H. Other General Government.

1. Comprehensive Plan Update

Harline stated that he had no report.

VII. OTHER.

A. Water Utility Bid: Supplies for Southwest County Estates Plat 4.

**Grenke made a motion to approve the bid from Water and Sewer Supply in the amount of \$19,629 for supplies to install water lines in Southwest County Estates Plat 4 and Bormann seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote**

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Harline asked about the committee paying for the City's tickets to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet as we had paid for a table at the CREDI banquet. Bormann, Lee and Wilkins replied how they have always paid for their own. Harline noted that the City paid for a Chamber membership in addition to the annual contract and that they only paid CREDI the annual contract so that would balance. The Committee agreed.

Harline stated there may be a closed meeting coming up in May Committee Meeting., Wilkins reminded the Aldermen that he needed the information he had previously requested from them to compile for the review.

Harline made note of the "Utility Pole" or cell tower request in right of way near Prenger's. Lee asked if that involved a pole rental fee, Harline responded there is no rental fee.

Harline reminded all of the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, this coming Saturday at the First Christian Church.

Mayor Grenke noted next week is his birthday and may not be in attendance at next week's meeting. Grenke also noted he has a new aerial photo to present to the city.

IX. ADJOURN.

**Lee, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Magley seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:19 p.m.**