

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, September 11, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:11 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Aldermen David Wilkins, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee and Don Rodgers. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, James Smith with the Fireside Guard. Citizens present included; David Forward with Boone County

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATION BY DAVID FORWARD, CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR, BOONE COUNTY

Forward discussed the 2015 I-Codes with the Board. There was discussion regarding the process to either adopt the electrical codes or to come up with Centralia's own versions. Boone County has already adopted this version of the electrical codes.

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY.

B. Police Department

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

2. Other –

Dudgeon said that he would like to present the purchase of a camera for the Blue police car for consideration in the amount of \$2,000. He said he believes it is in the budget to purchase it.

Dudgeon said he would like to get 5-10 gallons of white paint and have a group of community service workers under supervision paint new lines in front of Chester Boren Middle School with some three inch rollers. There was some discussion regarding the need for improvement of the lines on the cross walks and the equipment needed. Harline said that stencils and special paint is needed. Dudgeon said he didn't think the stencils would be needed if they were careful. Lee asked if there was special paint with reflective qualities that has to be used.

There was also discussion about replacing the flashing yellow lights near the schools as they are older and out of date. Alternatives for these lights were discussed.

Harline said this would be a Street Dept. public works project.

B. Fire Department.

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

2. Other - None

C. Emergency Management.

Harline – got confirmation that Tim's flight and logistic plan to attend the training in MD was approved. He will be attending this training at no cost to the City, and it will center around emergency planning around natural disasters

D. Protective Inspection.

1. Process for Adoption of the 2015 International Building Codes

Harline said that at the meeting in October 2017, the Board could meet a little early to go over the codes and prepare to write an ordinance to be adopted in November.

2. Dangerous Buildings Update

In the transition from Thompson to the new law firm, Syndey plans to come in the office later this week to discuss the dangerous buildings. There is also a property on Railroad in bad shape that we will begin to go through the abatement process. There was some discussion about the demolition of the house on the property on Railroad Street.

VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

1. Chamber of Commerce Agenda – September 12, 2017. No comments

B. Park Board

1. Park Board Minutes – August 15, 2017. No comments

C. Cemetery - None

D. Tree Board - None

E. Library Board

1. Library Board Agenda – September 7, 2017

F. August 2017 Financial Statements

Harline pointed out that the general fund is below \$200,000, but these are the lowest months. Once property and real estate taxes start coming in there will be a significant increase in the general fund. There are also two more scheduled transfers from Electric and Water to the general fund.

G. Bills over \$1,250 = \$146,393.94

Harline pointed out that the payment to Blu Tower is for the last electric meters they will ever make. We have about 75-100 left in stock and that will last maybe two years. We will need to start talking about what we need to do for metering pretty soon. There are several options out there. Harline discussed some of the other metering and reading collection options.

H. Other General Government.

VII. OTHER.

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Dudgeon said that the new overlay on Railroad Street looks nice.

Harline said that the auditors would be at the Board of Aldermen meeting on September 18, 2017, to present the audit reports.

IX. ADJOURN.

Magley, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:59 p.m.