

## **Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, October 9, 2017.**

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

### I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, Landon Magley, and David Wilkins, Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and James Smith with the Fireside Guard. Others present included Kent Clow, Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

None

### IV. PUBLIC SAFETY.

#### A. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Chief Dudgeon wanted to point out that the 2017 September numbers vs. 2016 September numbers are up (for calls). Dudgeon does understand it takes money to maintain a police force, but the calls are coming in. Dudgeon said Harline wanted him to speak about the new CAD (computer aided dispatch) system; Brenda went to training and there are going to be changes and it is progressing. Harline asked when they might be doing the install. Dudgeon said November 2017 but it may be closer to January 2018. Harline said it was in his draft to have Dudgeon explain. Dudgeon said the Luke Bryan concert went as well as it could. Grenke wanted to know how many people were there, Smith from the Fireside Guard said 15,000 attended. Dudgeon said they patrolled locally around Forrest Chevrolet and in the City limits. Traffic was directed in a way to keep it from getting to be too much.

2. Other  
None

#### B. Fire Department.

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

2. ISO Inspection

Rusch said the inspection was mostly about documenting and they will be submitting a report back. Wilkins asked how often they did the inspections and Rusch said they are doing them on a five year rotation. Rusch added that during the inspection they wanted to see how you react to calls and water supply and were interested in the fire hydrants. Rusch responded to a question it will be about five to six months until we hear the results.

3. Other

Harline wanted to add that there is a rumor about Boone Hospital removing ambulance service from Centralia and this is not true. Harline said he spoke directly with Boone Hospital president Jim Sinek and Mr. Sinek said that they considered it as an option, but decided that they will continue to have the Ambulance available.

C. Emergency Management.

Grenke is scheduled to go to Virginia this November during the second week for emergency management class (EMAC) he did note that he is familiar with some of the software.

D. Protective Inspection.

1. Task Order with MECO Engineering for dangerous building inspection.

Harline said there is a memo and a task order, the purpose of which is to hire a structural engineer to inspect dangerous buildings, to make a report and to testify in court if they are needed,. If the property owner does take out a demolition permit, then this would not be needed.

**Vollrath made a motion and Lee seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order number CEN18 – CD02 with MECO Engineering for an inspection, report and possibly testimony on the condition of the building at 110 East Railroad Street in Centralia. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

Harline had received a pricing from Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation and their quoted price was \$20,000 per year. The cost for REDI is \$1,000 per year Harline said and they have been helpful with some projects. Harline noted that they had just had a great year in Columbia. Harline noted that the REDI budget is around \$400,000 per year and we get what we pay for.

B. Park Board

None

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Harline said this December there will be requests for current bids on mowing the cemetery.

D. Tree Board.

None

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting in the packet. Harline stated that they are still in need of one more person on the board.

F. July 2017 Financial Statements

Harline said the sales tax were still doing ok just a little behind last year. Harline added that Janet Thompson will speak at the next board meeting about the use tax which will be on the ballot this November. Harline speculated that the City of Centralia could take in about \$30,000 a year for the one cent sales tax, but by the time the other cities were going to, we were too late. Dudgeon asked if this is the tax that citizens have to approve and Harline said yes, it's a tax for Boone County that would be collected from online purchasing by Amazon etc. Harline said that we would need to go to Jefferson City if we wanted to pursue a public safety sales tax. Grenke said this would be good for a retreat.

G. Bills over \$1,250

Harline asked if anyone had any questions. Magley asked about unit 123, Wilkins said it was on the John Deere 2015, Magley said he thinks it should be on warranty. Harline is going to check more into this.

#### H. Other General Government.

##### *1. Recommendation for Energy Performance Contract*

Harline said there a couple companies that originally approached us with the idea of a project; eight or nine companies that looked at the proposal; five companies submitted proposals and we interviewed three. The Committee is recommending Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC (ESP) of Overland Parks, KS. Because they hit all of our number-one priorities. Trane and CTS out of St. Louis, Missouri and ESP out of Overland Park, Kansas made presentations and answered questions and we rescored the proposals. Trane put in the most effort but they suggested an environmental control system that was more complicated than necessary. Harline noted that ESP offered a solution at much less cost. The carpet and paint would be updated in City Hall, HVAC and lighting would be evaluated and possibly upgraded, street lighting would be updated to LED high efficient lighting and other improvements would all be part of the project Harline explained. Kent Clow (ESP said that they took a practical approach to the different options and wants to use local companies for bids and try to compete for the best value. Clow said they strive for the best savings. Clow noted that the first step is in the investment grade audit. Clow assured the Committee that ESP knows how to comply completely, by giving the City a turnkey solution. Clow reported that the City spent \$173,000 for utilities last year and this project could save up to \$30,000 per year. Kent wants to point out that they are independently owned and there are a lot of options; maybe some things could just use tuning up. Clow said there is no need to fix something that is not broke. Harline said the risk to the City is if we end up saying no then the City has to pay for the audit and that amount is \$2,247. **Lee made a motion Vollrath seconded to authorize City staff to draft an ordinance for consideration at the earliest possible meeting allowing the City to enter into an agreement with Energy Solutions Professionals, LLC of Overland Park, KS to perform an Investment Grade Audit of certain City buildings. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### VII. OTHER.

Dudgeon wanted to point out that this Friday is the last home, high school football game and the BBQ competition is this weekend and so far there are 30 teams. Harline said that parts of Sneed, Allen and Singleton will be left open during the BBQ contest.

#### VIII. AS MAY RISE.

None

#### IX. ADJOURN.

**Magley, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m.**