

**Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Tuesday, November 13, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grenke at 7:59 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

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, Fire Chief Denny Rusch Chief Bob Bias, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard. Citizens present were: None

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department

1. Activity Report

None

2. Other

A. Vehicle Connectivity

Bias said there are a lot of moving pieces to this connectivity. He said this is a project that has been tried and it did not work, he is talking about the new records management system, so a license plate reader has to have connectivity to work. It is basically like having a wireless hot spot and not being able to use it. He said Cradle Point is tried and true, so they know it works. It is the system Boone County, Columbia PD, the University, and Hallsville have. Its automatic vehicle location and an officer can see where all the units are. Bias said he and Kribbs have been currently looking at the budget, and now we have this purchase coming up. Bias handed out an updated bid from CDW-G. He said this would be a one-time purchase of hardware, it manages your routers from a pc and gives the availability to put your hands on them. Bias said he believes CDW-G is giving them the best price and option and we will have the first net card through AT & T which gives us the airway when no one else can get thru. Bias is asking for \$9,500 from the Board to move forward, he doesn't really have another option out there. AT &T is unlimited and he believes is the better deal. Bias wants the Board to consider this. The cost for the AT&T services would be \$22 per car for 8 vehicles per month. Rodgers asked how long this system has been in place and Bias said Boone County has had them over 15 years. Bias said for the software there is a 3-year plan and will need to be revisited. But we will not be paying the hardware. Bormann asked Bias what the cost would be in 3 years, and Bias said there is no way to know what the cost would be in 3 years. Hudson asked how this works. Bias said with the LPR, license plate reader, it can pick up wanted, stolen, the officers can do there reports from their car's, officers can help each other faster. Bias said Kribbs has been doing a really good job, Hudson agreed.

B. Fire Department

1. Activity Report

Grenke said Halloween was good, Rusch said they opened early and did not have as many as they thought. Rusch had a handout with some items he would like the Board to look at. Rusch

said they are looking at grants as well. Grenke said USDA has a lot of Grants. Rusch would like to be more proactive.

Other

None

C. Emergency Management

None

D. Protective Inspection

None

#### IV. GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE

A. Economic Development

Russell said we have had several other cities ask about our ordinance or resolution offering the \$1500 incentive for demolishing a dilapidated house. She said this program dates back to 2007, and she found conversation about it in the September 2007 minutes. Money has been budgeted in every year and she is going to talk with Cydney about a resolution on this. The application has been changed at some point from \$1500 to \$2000 but the Board does not remember agreeing to change the amount, so the City will continue to pay \$1500. Grenke asked to bring this information back to the Board.

B. Park Board

Lee stated we have changed the name of Nic and Noah's to East Annex. Russell said we have had 3 new customers reserve already. Magley asked if we have been paid back and Russell said not yet.

C. Cemetery Report

None

D. Library Board

Grenke received an email from Amy Hopkins that Geri Dollens had retired and her replacement was Catherine Butrum.

E. October 2018 Financial Statements

Grenke asked if we have noticed a reduction since we have had the LED lights in, Russell will check into this. Armontrout said we have 5 different lights that are metered separately and that will be best to go back to June and then go to October and see what the usage difference would be. Armontrout said with the LEDs he is unsure the wattage they put up. Hudson said he wants to see the savings. Armontrout can take a look at it. Grenke asked about the loss of C & R and Russell will visit that. Grenke thanked her.

F. Bills over \$1,250 = \$272,096.43

Grenke asked if we rented or bought from Ditch Witch and we bought

G. Other General Government

1. On-Call Personnel Cell Phone Reimbursement

Russell said that in 2015 the Board adopted a policy for a \$25 cell phone reimbursement for supervisors. She said the on-call employees use their own phones and is asking to also raise the amount for the supervisors. Russell said that includes Fire Chief and Police Chief. Hudson asked how many would get the \$25 reimbursement. There are 3 foremen, Fire Chief, Police Chief and supervisors. Russell said the employees did not ask for this but may be a good time to revisit it. The on-call would be about 10 people total.

V. OTHER

Grenke said he and Russell spent 30 minutes with the 2020 census folks and they are looking for the City to put together a committee. They will be working on selecting people for that committee.

#### VI. \*Closed Session

Alderman Rodgers 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 legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and 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 asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, and Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: None.

The meeting went into closed session at 8:32 p.m.

During closed session, only legal and real estate matters were discussed and the only vote taken was to settle on a pending piece of litigation.

Alderman Hudson made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hudson, Lee, Magley, and Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: None.

Returned to open session at 8:40p.m.

#### VII. AS MAY ARISE

Magley asked what the policy is when someone does digging in the new streets. Bormann said where it is not replaced it does need to be replaced. Magley said they did not have lights on the Barricades. Russell said the policy can be reviewed.

#### VIII. ADJOURN

**Lee, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Magley seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:44 p.m.**

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