

Mayor Grenke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Aldermen Don Bormann, Jessica Orsini, Catherine Simmons, and Jennette Skirvin answered roll call.

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Guard Reporter James Smith, Linda Bormann, Don Bobbitt, Paul Million, Dale Hughes, Mark Mustain, Mike Forsee, and Phil Hoffman.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayoral Appointments:

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Grenke requested approval for the appointment of Ron Cook to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2012. Mr. Cook currently serves as a deputy sheriff with Audrain County and is retired from the Columbia Fire Dept. He previously worked with the Centralia Fire Department as well. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the appointment of Ron Cook to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2012. Alderman Skirvin seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke requested approval for the appointment of Dale Hughes to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2011. Mr. Hughes resides at 805 South Rollins and is a past member of the Centralia Fire Department. Alderman Simmons made the motion to approve the appointment of Dale Hughes to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2011. Alderman Skirvin seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke requested approval for the appointment of Patt Olsen to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2013. Ms. Olsen currently serves as the librarian at the Centralia Public Library. Alderman Bormann made the motion to approve the appointment of Patt Olsen to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire in 2013. Alderman Skirvin seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke requested the approval for the appointment of Don Bormann to the vacant city official position on the Centralia Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Borman served as a civilian member on this board prior to his election as alderman. Alderman Simmons made the motion to approve the appointment of Alderman Bormann to the vacant city official position on the Centralia Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Skirvin seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed with Alderman Bormann abstaining.

Mayor Grenke reported City Clerk Colvin had verified all proposed members to the Planning and Zoning commission were registered voters of the city. Alderman Orsini and Electric Department Foreman Mark Mustain will remain as city official members to the planning and zoning commission.

Mayor Grenke reported he had spoken with several residents regarding the open Ward I alderman seat including Randy Ward. Mr. Ward has indicated he is not interested in serving at this time. Former Alderman and Mayor Jerry Parmeley has expressed interest in the position. Mayor Grenke stated Mr. Parmeley was unable to attend tonight, but if appointed, could be available on Wednesday to be sworn in. He would not be able to attend a meeting until May 18th and would miss committee meetings in June as he is finishing up his master's degree. Mayor Grenke opened the appointment for discussion. Alderman Simmons stated she was opposed to Mr. Parmeley's appointment to the Ward I alderman seat. Alderman Orsini stated she very much supported the appointment. Mr. Beck stated it would take 3 votes to approve the appointment. Alderman Bormann made the motion to approve the appointment of Jerry Parmeley as Ward I alderman. The motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini. Alderman Simmons stated she was a Ward I resident when Mr. Parmeley served on the board previously. She stated she did not approve of some of his actions at that time and felt he would be very contentious. Alderman Orsini disagreed with Alderman Simmons and did not see him burying a request of any sort. Alderman Bormann stated he felt Mr. Parmeley was always fair and open and did not believe he would be contentious. Alderman Hensley stated he did not have a preference and would trust the board's decision. Mr. Beck stated if the motion to approve is adopted, then the term would be for one year until the next municipal election. Alderman Skirvin wished to abstain since she did not know Mr. Parmeley but Mr. Beck stated she would not be able to abstain. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed with Alderman Simmons voting nay.

Mayor Grenke stated the Library Board does not have anyone yet to nominate to replace Alderman Bormann to the Centralia Library Board Trustees.

Recognitions for Community Service:

Mayor Grenke had sent invitations to citizens to recognize them for their community service but several could not attend. Alderman Skirvin stated former Mayor Becker had called her to extend her apology as she could not attend due to a prior commitment. Mayor Grenke presented a plaque to former Alderman Paul Million for his service from August 2008 to April 2009. Mayor Grenke recognized those who could not attend as follows:

Former Mayor Shelley Becker for her service both as alderman and mayor from 2003 to 2008.
Ryan Yager for his service as alderman from April 2007 to July 2008
Bill Ladwig for his service as alderman from May 2005 to April 2009
LeeAllen Smith for his services as alderman from 2007 to 2008.

Creation of Technical Advisory Committee:

Mayor Grenke stated it had been brought to his attention for a need to create a technical advisory committee. He appointed Alderman Orsini, Alderman Hensley, City Clerk Colvin, Deputy City Clerk Lockett and himself as mayor to the committee. There was a brief discussion concerning the three city elected officials comprising a quorum, therefore, requiring an agenda to be posted for any meetings as well as minutes being taken. Colvin stated she could take care of that. Alderman Simmons made the motion to approve the technical advisory committee with the members as set forth. Alderman Skirvin seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously. The committee would meet on an as needed basis.

As May Arise:

Mr. Behrns reported he had filed the grant application for 105 North Allen and did not expect any problems. In dealing with the city match portion of the grant, Mr. Behrns recommended the engineering work be completed independent of the grant. It could be part of the match but it would mean a lot of extra documentation and requirements. He proposed to negotiate with Trabue, Hansen and Hinshaw as they were involved in the initial review for a dangerous structure and are familiar with the building.

Mr. Behrns informed the board about a recent legislative alert concerning proposed changes to the sunshine law. He asked for guidance from the board to lobby pro or con on the issue. The proposal increases the fine to a mandatory \$1,000.00 per person for all members of boards and commissions as well as a 2 hour in-person training requirement for each person. Discussion was held concerning the proposal with the board directing Mr. Behrns to lobby against it due to the hardship this would place on all members of the city boards and commissions

Mayor Grenke appointed Alderman Orsini as chairperson of the General Government/Public Safety Committee meeting. He also appointed Alderman Simmons as chairperson of the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting.

Mayor Grenke informed the board of the newly elected officials training conference offered by MML on June 11th and 12th in Jefferson City. The city would pay for all fees.

Mayor Grenke reported he had attended the Library open house yesterday with a ribbon cutting for the new drop box dedicated to the memory of Ann Mow. It was very well attended and the mayor commended the library for achieving the 4-star award. The award is based on revenue levels and customer service levels and other criteria. The library also does a good job of providing resources and activities after school. Only four of these awards are given out nationally with two of the awards given to Missouri libraries.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Orsini made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Kathy Colvin, City Clerk