

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

Roll Call: Aldermen Don Bormann, Paul Million, Jessica Orsini, and Jerry Parmeley answered roll call.

Aldermen Hensley and Simmons were absent from the meeting.

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Dr. Jack Ferguson with the Lions Club, James Smith, John Hinten, Steve Oberman, CHS Varsity football team members, Coach Erle Bennett, Jennette Skirvin, Brian Roach, Nate Kennedy, Kalei Holder, and Daryl Spauldin.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Proclamation:

Mayor Grenke read a proclamation for the Centralia High School Football team and Coach Erle Bennett commending them for an undefeated season and progressing to the state playoffs. The team will host the Brentwood football team this Saturday in the state semi-finals playoff. Each football player stood, introduced themselves and stated the position they played. After the presentation, Coach Bennett and his team left the meeting.

Lion's Club:

Dr. Jack Ferguson was present to speak to the board about starting a Lions Club in Centralia. He gave high praise to our community and hopes to have an active club here within the next 3-4 weeks. 100% of any funds raised in Centralia through Lions Club will remain in the community. He gave a brief outline of Lions Club and their involvement in collecting and distributing eye glasses throughout the world, providing hearing aids, funding eye surgeries for those less fortunate and other humanitarian projects. When asked by Mayor Grenke if the Lions Club would be able to assist local business become ADA compliant, he said they would.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Grenke asked for approval of the Consent Agenda in its entirety or any items to be pulled for comment or correction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Prior Meeting
- B. Minutes of Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting
- C. Minutes of General Government Committee Meeting
- D. Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's & Collector's Reports
 - 2. Activity Reports

Mayor Grenke stated the October 19th minutes reflected he was absent from the meeting when he actually was listening to the meeting by phone. Colvin will correct the minutes. Motion was made by Alderman Orsini to accept the consent agenda in its entirety. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable over \$1250 were presented in the amount of \$405,421.31 as follows:

Armor Equipment (30 Poly Carts)	\$	1,950.00
Alliance Foam Technologies (State Disbursement CDGBG Grant)	\$	72,790.55
Ameren Services - MC 1037 (Transmission Charges)	\$	12,770.52
Bankcard (MML Conference \$990.00)	\$	1,318.89
Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (Design express feeder at new substation)	\$	21,082.00
Burns & McDonnell (Progress Payment Well # 3)	\$	6,117.25
City of Columbia (October Landfill Charges)	\$	6,478.60
Crown Power & Equipment (Backhoe Door \$2030.51)	\$	2,230.51
CUSI (Annual Maintenance)	\$	1,850.00
Engineering Survey & Service (Wastewater Testing)	\$	1,521.00
Hardesty Construction (Final Cemetery Mowing 209)	\$	2,133.07
HD Supply Utilities (Substation Supplies)	\$	70,210.00
Inland Truck Parts (Unit # 23 Parts / Repairs \$5572.98)	\$	6,351.64
MISO	\$	1,155.39
Ruth Industries (Floatex)	\$	1,479.20
T & R Electric (Electric Supplies)	\$	3,035.00

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TT Tech. Inc (Upgrade 3" piercing tool to 3.85")	\$	1,345.00
UMB Bank NA (MAMUOB Electric Substation Lease Pay # 4)	\$	11,933.74
Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	169,470.48
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	6,905.40
Office Of Missouri State Treasurer (Unclaimed Property)	\$	1,849.95
Altec Industries (Unit # 26 Parts \$ 983.35)	\$	1,443.12

Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$405,421.31. Alderman Parmeley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Steven Oberman commended Brown's Chiropractic and the Centralia Fireside Guard for installing handicap raps in front of their businesses. Mayor Grenke stated he intends to speak with Chamber Executive Director Ginny Zoellers to see if other businesses could benefit from a handicap rap.

Nate Kennedy residing 2302 Memorial Court in Columbia, Missouri was present to speak in favor of the proposed ordinances adding sexual orientation and gender identity as unlawful practices for discrimination. He, himself, is from a small town and knows friends who were afraid to disclose their sexual preference and gender for fear of not getting a job or housing.

Brian Roach, also from Columbia, said sexual orientation and gender identity has been a big issue on the University of Missouri, Columbia campus where he goes to school. He assisted in successfully pushing through not allowing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity on the campus. He has also seen the real impact discrimination has on everyday folk. He stated it can be a real problem when businesses deny employment to very qualified individuals based on their sexual preference. He thinks it is really a great thing the Centralia board is proposing to put forward here.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Performance Hearing on Community Development Block Grant – Alliance Foam Technologies

Mayor Grenke opened the performance hearing on the community development block grant for Alliance Foam Technologies at 7:26 p.m. The hearing is a requirement before the grant can be closed out and more than 80% of the grant proceeds have been released. No comments were received during the public hearing. Hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None Scheduled.

Permits and Licenses - None scheduled.

Legal:

1) ORDINANCE: Adopting Amended Chapter 8.1 of City Code Concerning Fair Housing (Unlawful Housing Practices) to Add Provisions Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as Additional Unlawful Housing Practices

2) ORDINANCE: Adopting New Chapter 7.1 of City Code Regarding Unlawful Employment Practices Consisting of State Law Provisions on the Subject and Adding Provisions Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as Additional Unlawful Employment Practices

3) ORDINANCE: Adopting New Chapter 7.2 of City Code Regarding Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices Consisting of State Law Provisions on the Subject and Adding Provisions Concerning Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity as Additional Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices

Mr. Beck stated at the September meeting the board adopted amendments to the fair housing section bringing the city code in compliance with existing state laws. The board also requested Mr. Beck prepare an ordinance adding sections dealing with sexual orientation and gender identity regarding fair housing. This would be the first presentation for this proposed ordinance. The other two proposed ordinances regarding employment and public accommodation have been read for the first time and are proposed to be read for the 2nd time for tonight's meeting. Mr. Beck had prepared a memo that was distributed regarding Alderman Parmeley's title 7 questions. The memo also included information on the golf cart provisions.

Alderman Parmeley stated in all fairness he felt it would be in good measure to wait until the full board was present before these three ordinances were presented. Mayor Grenke stated Aldermen Hensley and Simmons were absent due to illness. Alderman Orsini concurred with Alderman Parmeley. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to table agenda items 1, 2 and 3 under Legal until December 21st at 7 p.m. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution: Adopting an Amended American with Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure-Resolution

Mr. Behrns reported the proposed resolution adopting an amended American with Disabilities Act grievance procedure is the same as presented at last Tuesday's committee meeting with a few technical corrections. Steve Oberman questioned if Mr. Behrns should be the named ADA Coordinator. Mr. Behrns deferred this to Mr. Beck but Mr. Behrns would be the only likely person for this position. Mr. Oberman passed out copies of a ADA Title II Compliance Flowchart that recommended ADA authority and responsibility within a community. When Mr. Oberman asked how the city would get citizens involved in the ADA committee, Mayor Grenke suggested the CAC committee recruit members as it is difficult to get people to volunteer. Jennette Skirvin read a resignation letter resigning as a member of the Centralia Accessibility Committee. Mr. Oberman suggested the city consider hiring a part-time person in the future for the ADA coordinator. Mr. Behrns responded he is starting the budget process for the next budget year and any suggestions would be welcome. Although, he stated he is currently looking at no salary increases and Mr. Oberman's suggestion would also be competing with other budget priorities. Discussion continued with Alderman Orsini calling for a point of order.

Alderman Million presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2499 to create a resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA MISSOURI ADOPTING AN AMENDED FORMAL ADA GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE." Alderman Million moved that it be placed on its first and only reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bormann and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Million moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Million, Orsini, and Parmeley. Voting AGAINST: None. Aldermen Hensley and Simmons did not vote as they were absent from the meeting. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Resolution was designated as Ordinance R-09-08.

PURCHASING:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing Contract with Reinhardt Construction Company for Construction of a Foundation for a Substation Transformer

Mr. Behrns reported bids were opened last Thursday. Despite 8-9 firms being requested to submit a bid, and 3 firms requesting bid specs, only one bid was received - Reinhardt Construction Company. The electric substation transformer is ready ahead of schedule and there are penalties to be assessed if the transformer is not ready for installation when it is delivered. Thus, if the contract is approved tonight, Reinhardt Construction will begin work tomorrow on the project to meet the deadline.

Alderman Orsini presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2500 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH REINHARDT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER FOUNDATION." Alderman Orsini moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Parmeley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Orsini moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Parmeley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Orsini moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Million seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Million, Orsini, and Parmeley. Voting AGAINST: None. Aldermen Hensley and Simmons did not vote as they were absent from the meeting. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2591.

ORDINANCE: Authorizing Contract with Boone County National Bank for Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the City of Centralia, Missouri in Favor of Ameren Energy Marketing Company

Mr. Behrns explained the proposed letter of credit is required per the Ameren Energy Marketing Company agreement. The amount of the letter of credit (\$257,814.00) is based on the highest energy bill in the past 12 months. This amount is lower than last year. Boone County National Bank will charge a 1% fee (\$2,578.14) to provide the letter of credit to Ameren.

Jennette Skirvin left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2501 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BOONE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2010 CONCERNING WHOLESALE ELECTRIC POWER." Alderman Bormann moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Parmeley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Bormann moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Parmeley and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

Appointments:

Mr. Behrns has spoken with Zim Schwartz, Public Safety/Joint Communications Director for the City of Columbia. She is willing to accept an appointment as our city's Emergency Management Director since it dovetails with her duties for Columbia and Boone County. There is no payment for this service and she would need to be sworn in. She plans on visiting Centralia in the near future to become more familiar with our facilities. She is tentatively scheduled to attend the December General Government/Public Safety Committee meeting. He suggested the CAC members could be present to speak with her before or after the meeting.

Mayor Grenke requested the approval for the appointment of Zim Schwartz as the Emergency Management Director for our community. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to approve the appointment of Zim Schwartz as the city's Emergency Management Director. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Behrns suggested, since Mr. Oberman thought it was important, the board formally appoint him as the ADA Coordinator to make it clear and there is no question. Mayor Grenke requested the approval for the appointment of Lynn Behrns as the ADA Coordinator. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the appointment of Lynn Behrns as the ADA Coordinator. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Behrns reported an ad was placed in the paper last week concerning ADA compliance. Any response from that ad would be directed to the CAC.

Aldermen:

Alderman Orsini stated in reference to the tabled amendments concerning adding sexual orientation and gender identity, Alderman Parmeley was correct that it is a controversial matter. She thinks this is sad as it should be human decency and not controversial. It is a basic right that people should not be discriminated against for sexual orientation or gender identity when it comes to seeking a job or housing. There are people who are afraid to let anyone know who they really are, due to their treatment. She asked the aldermen to think about this over the next month before the proposed amendments are presented at the December board meeting.

City Administrator: None.

City Attorney: None.

CityClerk: None.

As May Arise:

Mr. Oberman invited the board to the CAC meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 19th. They have new members on their committee and also have a facebook page "Centralia Equal Accessibility Committee" and a twitter page called "Access Committee".

Nate Kennedy commented he was reminded in the pledge of allegiance about a news story concerning a 10 year old boy in Arkansas who refuses to say the pledge as he believes there is not justice for all. He stated this goes back to the history of the United States. He sees the proposed amendments as the last step in civil rights to end discrimination. He also mentioned the City's own "Statement of Values" states the board "shares in the belief that people will be treated with respect and treated fairly.

Mayor Grenke reported he will have "Coffee with the Mayor" at C & R Market this Saturday from 8a.m. to 10 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Kathy Colvin, City Clerk