

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

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

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Steve Oberman, Officer Bill Ladwig, and Guard Report James Smith

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Grenke requested a moment of silence in memory of Sergeant Raymond Cooper Jr. and his family upon his death, the Americans killed in the Haiti earthquake and the county of Haiti.

Mayor's Proclamation

Mayor Grenke read a proclamation in honor of Raymond Cooper Jr. for his service to the city as a police officer and as acting police chief. Flags would be flown at half staff in the city through the close of business on the day of his funeral. The Mayor also asked the citizens observe a special period of mourning during the memorial service on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. The Mayor also extended a special thank you for the Fulton Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's office who have offered to lend support to our police department during this time. Alderman Orsini stated the Hallsville Police Department has offered assistance as well.

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. Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's & Collector's Reports
 - 2. Activity Reports

Motion was made by Alderman Orsini to accept the consent agenda in its entirety. Alderman Simmons 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 \$296,040.98 as follows:

Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$229,314.31
Ameren UE (Heating)	\$2,995.62
Arkansas Electric	\$1,512.25
Boone County Planning & Building Inspections (7/09-12/09)	\$3,064.30
C & R Market (Christmas Treats \$1457.57)	\$1,492.99
Centurylink (Dec Phone Bill)	\$1,155.46
City Of Columbia (Dec Landfill charges)	\$6,287.85
Crown Power & Equipment CO (Unit # 20 Repairs \$910)	\$1,822.87
D & D Tire	\$1,297.30
Midwest MISO	\$2,079.76
Missouri Associates Municipal Utilities (Annual Dues Lineman Training)	\$3,608.00
NU-Life Laboratories Inc (Calcium Chloride)	\$3,310.00
PC Auto (December Statement)	\$1,341.09
Prariefire Software Solutions (GL/AP/Payroll Maintenance & Support)	\$1,500.00
Tri-State (Motor Grader Repairs \$ 2185.00)	\$2,932.79
UMB Bank of NA (MAMU OB Wire Transfer Elec Substation Lease Payment)	\$12,331.68
Altec Industries, Inc (Unit # 29 Labor \$ 5362.50 & Parts \$ 2165.58)	\$7,528.08
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$6,069.54
Motorola (PD Radio from Grant)	\$2,884.00
North American Salt (Road Salt)	\$3,513.09

Alderman Simmons made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$296,040.98. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: No comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None Scheduled.

Daryl Spauldin arrived at 7:10 p.m. for the meeting.

Permits and Licenses - None scheduled.

Legal: None scheduled.

PURCHASING:

Miscellaneous Materials for New Substation:

Bids were received for ground grid materials for the new electric substation. These materials would be used for grounding the substation so it is adequately protected. Low bid was submitted by Fletcher/Reinhardt in the amount of \$3,676.51. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the purchase of the miscellaneous ground grid materials from Fletcher-Reinhardt in the amount of \$3,676.51. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Bids had also been received for the purchase of 3600 feet of 4/0 ground wire with the low bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt in the amount of \$9,864.00. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the purchase of 3600 feet of 4/0 ground wire from Fletcher-Reinhardt in the amount of \$9,864.00. Alderman Parmeley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

A quote was also received from Crescent Electric Supply for the purchase of two 250W decorative street light fixtures in the amount of \$635.00 each for a total price of \$1,270.00. Crescent Electric is the only vendor available for this purchase. Alderman Simmons made the motion to approve the purchase of two 250W decorative street light fixtures in the amount \$1,270.00. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Copier Lease:

Chief Dudgeon proposed removing the existing copier in the police department and replacing it with a machine that would copy, fax, print and scan. Chief Dudgeon stated this would also replace the ink jet printers in the department with major savings on the weekly purchase of the ink jet cartridges. This would be the same set-up as system the front office purchased last fall. The monthly lease from Ikon would increase but would be cheaper overall. Alderman Million made the motion to approve the new copier machine lease with Alderman Orsini seconding the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

Appointments:

Mayor Grenke stated the city is still looking for three volunteers for the Centralia Industrial Authority Committee. The members must live inside the city limits and cannot be a city employee or city elected official. The committee as this time would be meeting once a year. Alderman Million suggested drafting a letter to area industrial companies for possible volunteers.

Mayor Grenke also reported the Planning and Zoning Commission is in need of a civilian member.

Aldermen:

City Administrator:

City Administrator Behrns requested an answer to Mr. Dollens request to tie red ribbons on street light poles for Mr. Dollens possible campaign for the school board. Discussion was held with Alderman Orsini stating she opposes the use of municipal property for this purpose. Discussion was held concerning a previous board's decision to waive the city code provision and allowed blue ribbons to be placed on city street poles in support of the school bond issue. Alderman Orsini stated she argued against the use of municipal property at that time and still opposes the use of municipal property for campaign use. Alderman Parmeley stated the decision by the previous board was in support of a bond issue and not an individual seeking office. Alderman Bormann made the motion to direct city staff to enforce the ordinance as it is and not allow any more waivers of the city code. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney:

Mr. Beck distributed a memo regarding soliciting charitable contributions at city street intersections as this issue had been briefly discussed at the January 11th General Government /Public Safety meeting. Mr. Beck stated a new state law had been adopted in 2007 that addressed this issue. He recommended the board review his memo and give

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direction to the city staff at the February General Government/Public Safety meeting. Mr. Behrns stated he would send a letter allowing the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion to solicit at city street intersections as in the past until such time the board should pass an ordinance. If no ordinance is adopted then the current handling of soliciting would remain the same with no permit required.

Alderman Ladwig left the meeting 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Simmons inquired if there were any provisions in the parade permits regarding liability insurance in reference to item #3 in Mr. Beck's memo stating the city could require proof of liability insurance for the soliciting. Mr. Beck stated this was offered as an option in case solicitors would be injured in the process of collection. Brief discussion was held concerning this with the topic being deferred to a future committee member. Alderman Osini abstained from the discussion since she was a legionnaire.

City Clerk

Colvin reminded the board members of the candidate filing deadline for the April municipal election – tomorrow at 5 p.m.

New Fine and Bond Schedule:

The new fine and bond schedule was included in the board packet. This new schedule was signed by Judge Schneider and effective on January 15th. Mr. Beck stated this schedule lists the court offenses that could be paid out of court and was for information only. Colvin stated this new schedule would be posted on the city's website.

As May Arise:

Chief Dudgeon reported he would be interviewing potential patrol officer candidates next week and hopes to recommend an appointment at the February 1st meeting. Black ribbons in memory of Sergeant Cooper would be worn until 5 p.m. on Friday, the day of the funeral.

Mayor Grenke reported he had talked with Prosecuting Attorney April Wilson on January 13th and asked about a tentative plan for her upcoming childbirth in March. She is due around March 16th or 17th. Ms. Wilson suggested Mr. Beck could be the backup for her in case she was unable to attend court.

Chief Dudgeon left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Oberman reported the Centralia Accessibility Committee is meeting the last Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the community room and everyone is invited to attend. He also reported Jennette Skirvin has agreed to join the committee for the next couple of months until she leaves the community. Mr. Oberman also stated one member of the committee has been asked to step aside and the member has agreed.

Mayor Grenke reported he will have "Coffee with the Mayor" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Prenger's grocery store on January 30th.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Million moved that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote, and the specific reasons for closing the meeting and having a closed vote were: 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 would be discussed or recorded, as provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Alderman Million asked that the motion be adopted by roll call vote. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for a roll call vote, the motion passed with the following vote: Voting FOR: Bormann, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. The board went into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

During the closed meeting Board of Aldermen members were updated on the administrative complaint alleging disability-related discrimination with the Missouri Human Rights Commission against the City of Centralia and the mayor of the City of Centralia. No vote or other action was taken during the closed meeting.

Alderman Orsini made the motion to return to open session. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for a roll call vote, the motion passed with the following vote: Voting FOR: Bormann, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. The board returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Simmons made the motion to recess the meeting until Monday, February 1st at 7 p.m. Alderman Parmeley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Kathy Colvin, City Clerk