

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 answered roll call.

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Linda Yager, Kelly Smith with Ameren, Steve Oberman, and Guard Reporter James Smith. Jon Angell and Daryl Spauldin arrived later in the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Grenke led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Simmons to accept the consent agenda in its entirety. Alderman Orsini 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 \$496,893.88 as follows:

Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	201,922.54
Ameren Service -MC 1037 (Transmission Charges)	\$	13,868.69
Ameren UE (Heating)	\$	4,004.32
Banner Fire (Bunker Gear)	\$	7,092.00
Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (Design Service Substation \$8025.01)	\$	9,901.67
Crescent Electric (Hanover Light Fixture)	\$	1,289.12
Fletcher Reinhardt (Wilson St Substation Supplies)	\$	4,829.40
H D Supply Utilities (Wilson St Substation Supplies)	\$	2,968.00
HD Supply Utilities (Wilson St Substation Supplies)	\$	22,304.45
Midwest Meter Inc (Orion Pit Units)	\$	2,542.29
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Missouri Rural Service Worker Comp Ins	\$	58,983.00
Nationwide Life Insurance Co (Accident Insurance for Voluntary Firefighters)	\$	1,554.09
Pitney Bowes (Postage)	\$	2,500.00
Quality Chemical Co Midwest (Lift off - Degreaser)	\$	1,639.78
UMB Bank (MHOTT-Manitabu \$1133.39)	\$	1,799.78
UMB Bank NA (MAMUO8 Substation Lease Pay)	\$	12,284.37
UMB Bank NA (Park Rec Center Lease Payment)	\$	108,818.74
Wireless USA (Radio Repeater Grant)	\$	7,475.07
Wireless USA (Radio Repeater Grant)	\$	3,000.00
AECOM (Processing for power Cost Crossing (Substation Feeder Circuit)	\$	1,250.00
City of Columbia (Landfill charges for February)	\$	4,806.81
Fletcher /Reinhardt (Wilson St Substation Supplies)	\$	13,884.20
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	5,205.56

Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$496,893.88. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY AMEREN/UE REPRESENTATIVE:

Kelly Smith, local service representative with Ameren UE from the Mexico office, was present for the annual update for Ameren. She gave information about the residential and commercial rebate programs available for area gas customers including programmable thermostats for residential homes, high efficiency furnaces and other items. There are rebate programs available for commercial customers as well. Ms. Smith suggested residents check the Ameren UE sight for additional details. Ameren is one of the largest taxpayers in the area. Ms. Smith also reviewed the natural gas emergency procedure. Ameren is to be contacted immediately if a gas leak is suspected. Ameren would also ask for the assistance of the local police department with blocking off streets and keeping residents safe in a gas emergency. Ameren lowered their cost this past winter from 97 cents per cubic foot to 75 cents per cubic foot. Ameren has also installed an additional switch at the substation to enable Ameren to switch to a different line in case of an outage.

Alderman Hensley asked if there were any programs available for households using renewable energy. Ms. Smith said there are no programs at this time but there may be in the near future. She will provide a phone number to the board for anyone wishing to check into this further.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Linda Yager residing 311 S Allen and manager of the Centralia Apartments reported she had received complaints from her tenants about the Saddle Saloon. They are complaining of lack of sleep due to the noise and disturbances coming from the business and patrons of the business. She also expressed her concern about the letter sent to her tenants by the city regarding a phone call received by city staff from a tenant. The tenant said the landlord had informed the tenants they would be receiving a credit on their March utility bill and inquired how much the credit would be on their account. The city had sent a letter to all tenants at Centralia Apartments stating no such credit would be forthcoming. Ms. Yager was upset she was not consulted personally prior to the letter being mailed as she did not make any such statement. She feels she should have an apology from Lynn Behrns for the letter. She further stated the city should not have sent any correspondence to her tenants as all correspondence should go through her. Ms. Yager stated her protocol is to put everything in writing to her tenants. If a tenant should call again she requested the city ask to see the letter in writing she would have sent. Mr. Behrns explained the city's concern was to be sure all the tenants had the correct information and the correspondence had been copied to her as the apartment manager. Mr. Behrns did apologize to her for not contacting her personally but explained the letter would have been mailed regardless as the city's first obligation is to the customer, not the landlord. Mr. Behrns also reported Ms. Yager's electric meter at 311 South Allen had tested as reading accurately.

The board discussed the complaints about the Saddle Saloon and what could be done without infringing on the business owner's rights. Mr. Behrns stated the city does not have a noise decibel limit and the area is zoned industrial. He verified with Chief Dudgeon that the noise level is at the police officer's discretion. The tenants had reported to Ms. Yager noise also came from the parking lot as well when patrons are yelling as well as fighting. The city ordinances states nuisances should not extend beyond the property lines. Ms. Yager stated tenants have reported to her that they have called the police department to complain but no one responds. Officer Dudgeon left the meeting. Alderman Orsini also left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Daryl Spauldin stated he was sure if the Saddle Saloon owner knew of the complaints he would make an effort to eliminate the noise. He stated he has been in the area working at different times and noticed Saddle Saloon patrons walking in the area. Mr. Behrns asked Ms. Yager to document times and dates when complaints have been made and this can be compared to the police department logs. The owner has done work in the past to the building and surrounding area to lower the noise level by installing insulation, trees and other things.

Alderman Orsini returned to the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Alderman Orsini stated she sees the police report each week and the police department does respond to noise complaints from the Saddle Saloon.

Mr. Behrns will endeavor to speak to the property owner, Troy Palmer, to see if there is anything feasible that he could do to assist with the noise complaints. Mr. Beck suggested Mr. Palmer also be consulted to see if he could assist with the fighting and yelling in the parking lot.

Daryl Spauldin stated he had personally reviewed the plans for the demolition of the building located at 105 North Allen. He stated he has been a contractor for 20+ years and completed all the concrete work at the Library. He stated Mr. Well's report is not a plan to demolish the building but just an assessment. He stated the city needed to cease and desist all work on the building until they consult a reliable source on how to take the building down. Mr. Spauldin stated Mr. Wells did not even test for lead paint. Mr. Spauldin said all asbestos removal must be done by certified personnel and it is clarified in the report at least 6 to 10 times an inspection should be done at the time of removal. Mr. Spauldin has specialists that would be willing to come in and speak to the board concerning this. He further stated the adjoining business owners to 105 North Allen should be consulted as well. The Mayor stated the board would take Mr. Spauldin's comments under advisement.

Steve Oberman stated Mr. Behrns had mention at last week's committee meeting that a Chinese restaurant is looking for an available building. Mr. Oberman inquired what would be required if the building they would locate was not ADA compliant. Mayor Grenke stated it would depend if the building's use would be considered a "change of use" by the county. If it was a restaurant taking over a building where a previous restaurant had been located, it would not be considered a change of use. If it is a change of use, then ada guidelines must be followed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Amendment to Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget & Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget:

The hearing for comments concerning the amendment to the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget as well as the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget was opened at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Behrns reported the hearing had been advertised in the local paper 10 days prior to tonight's meeting. He also reported there was a brief period of time the proposed budget was not available on line due to technical difficulties but it had been available in hard copy form in the front office. Daryl Spauldin stated he thinks the proposed budget should address the building expenses for demolition of 105 North Allen. Mr. Behrns stated the only expense that would be accrued for this project would be the tipping fees for the landfill, manpower, and equipment use. This is addressed through a general ledger line item expense in the proposed budget. No other comments written or otherwise were received prior to the meeting or during the meeting. Mayor Grenke closed the hearing at 7:44 p.m.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Upon the Fire Chief's recommendation Mayor Grenke requested the approval of Ryan Galloway as a volunteer firefighter. Mr. Galloway had serviced on the fire department previously but had moved out of town. He now resides inside the city. His appointment would bring the numbers up to the current level. No-one has been appointed as of yet for the day time position. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the appointment of Ryan Galloway to the Centralia Fire Department. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon the Fire Chief's recommendation Mayor Grenke requested the approval of Matthew Ingebritson as a volunteer firefighter. Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the appointment of Matthew Ingebritson to the Centralia Fire Department. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance:

Resolution: Adopting Amended Fiscal Year 2009-10 City Budget

Alderman Million presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2509 to create an resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2009-10 COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2009 AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2010 ." 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 Orsini 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, Hensley, Millions, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. 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 Resolution R-10-01.

Resolution: Adopting Fiscal Year 2010-11 City Budget

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2510 to create an resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2010-11 COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2011." Alderman Simmons 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 Orsini 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 Simmons moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Million seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hensley, Millions, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. 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 Resolution R-10-02.

Permits and Licenses - None scheduled.

Legal:

Resolution: Adopting Amended Policy Concerning Residential Utility Accounts and Services

Mr. Behrns reported copies of the proposed resolution had been presented to the board during committee meeting. There had only been a couple of small technical changes to the wording since the meeting but nothing changed overall.

Alderman Parmeley presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2511 to create an resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, ADOPTING AN AMENDED FORMAL WRITTEN POLICY CONCERNING REGULATION OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS." Alderman Parmeley 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 Orsini 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 Parmeley moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hensley, Millions, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. 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 Resolution R-10-03.

ORDINANCE: Adopting New City Code Section to Require Permits for Solicitation of Charitable Contributions on a City Street

Alderman Orsini presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2512 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 20-43 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ON A CITY STREET." 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 Simmons 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 Simmons 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, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley, and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. 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 2599.

ORDINANCE: Setting Compensation for Certain City Employees

Mr. Behrns explained all the proposed increases had been discussed previously with the board in committee with the exception of the increase for the city clerk. He recommended a merit increase for the city clerk as she had met certain goals and her responsibilities have increased as well. It has been three years since her last increase.

Alderman Hensley presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2513 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." Alderman Hensley 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 Simmons and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Hensley moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Million 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 Hensley moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Bormann, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley, and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None. 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 2600.

PURCHASING: None scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor: None.

Aldermen:

Alderman Orsini requested any future compensation of employees be discussed with the board prior to the ordinance being presented at the meeting.

City Administrator:

Mr. Behrns reported repair work had begun on well #4 today and should be completed by Thursday. It appears work is proceeding well.

Mr. Behrns informed the Board he would attend a workshop in Edina next Tuesday evening to learn the perimeters of the grant for replacing the fire truck.

Mr. Behrns reported he attended a census meeting held in City Hall last week. The census is really in need of workers. He has the contact information if anyone is interested and an article will be running in the Guard. Testing will be conducted Thursday evening at the Library as well as Tuesday morning. Practice tests can be downloaded from the internet.

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Mr. Behrns stated he had met with prospective Alderman Jon Angell this afternoon. Typically a tour of the city facilities is offered to incoming aldermen. He asked any of the board members who might be interested in a tour to let him know and he will schedule the tour accordingly.

City Attorney: None.

City Clerk

City Clerk Colvin asked any board members planning on attending the MML dinner meeting on March 31st in Columbia to let her know.

Colvin also asked for direction from the board regarding Alderman Parmeley's suggestion to issue city email accounts for board members. The aldermen could then choose to use the city email account instead of their personal email account for city related correspondence. The board was in agreement to implement the city email accounts.

As May Arise:

Mr. Oberman reported the Centralia Accessibility Committee will be meeting with the group called People Advocating for the Voice of Equality (PAVE) March 19th at 10 a.m.. They will be touring Centralia regarding the accessibility in the community. PAVE will collect the information and remit it to the CAC. Mr. Oberman stating any comments regarding the city will come to the city and anything regarding Title 3 will be addressed to the Chamber. Mr. Oberman expressed the committee did not want the city or chamber to feel threatened in any way. He further stated it had been discussed that nothing will be changed with the existing buildings unless a major construction project is taking place. Mayor had asked the City Administrator if any of the unused sidewalk money budgeted for the past fiscal year could be used for the business owners in the downtown area who want to improve their building's accessibility. Mr. Behrns agreed any funds not spent in the current budget year will be rolled over to use as they Mayor suggested. The Mayor also reported he is looking for a portable ramp that could be used to deal with business entries with lips of 1 ½ inches to assist in accessibility when needed. It was mentioned there were a variety of vendors but it was not easy to determine quality. Mr. Behrns asked Mr. Oberman to check with his contact in West Plains for a recommended vendor for lips of the aluminum variety.

Mr. Oberman also mentioned the next CAC meeting will be held on March 25th at 6:30 p.m. He expressed hope the members of the Board of Aldermen would participate in their committee now that the complaint with MHDC has been resolved.

Daryl Spauldin asked if the city was adding to the list of certified contractors to install city sidewalks or just using from the existing list. Mr. Behrns stated the list of contractors is not exclusive and the list would be made available to the businesses but a business could enlist a contractor of their own choosing. If businesses were interested, city staff would likely aggregate the requests.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Parmeley moved that 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 is hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting a particular employee by the City of Centralia where personal information about the employee will be discussed or recorded, as provided for under Section 610.021 (3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Alderman Parmeley requested the motion be adopted by roll call vote. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for a roll call vote, the motion passed with the following vote: FOR: Alderman Bormann, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. AGAINST: None. The Board went into closed session at 8:25 p.m.

During the closed session only personnel issues were discussed and no action was taken. There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Parmeley made the motion to return to open session. Alderman Million seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for a roll call vote, the motion passed with the following vote: FOR: Alderman Bormann, Hensley, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. AGAINST: None. The Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Grenke announced he will be out of town April 18th to April 26th for training. He will also be gone July 19th to August 27th as well for training.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Orsini made the motion to recess the meeting until Monday, March 29th at 7 p.m. Alderman Parmeley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m.



Kathy Colvin, City Clerk