

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

Roll Call: Aldermen Jon Angell, Don Bormann, 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, Mike Forsee, Eula Bishop, Connie Kelly, Charlie Atkins, Daryl Spauldin, Christina McCullen, Holly Oswald, Guard Reporter James Smith and several others.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Parmeley 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 \$520,515.47 as follows:

Ameren (Transmission Charges)	\$	12,420.47
Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	174,008.49
Angell & Co (Liability Ins NS RR crossing substation property)	\$	2,835.00
Barco (Signs)	\$	1,615.19
Burns & McDonnell (Engineering services on Well # 3 Project)	\$	3,637.24
City of Columbia (May 2010 Landfill charges)	\$	6,236.79
Donald Roddy (Reimbursement for demolition 721 E Early)	\$	1,500.00
Forrest Chevrolet Inc (2010 Pick-up)	\$	28,772.00
Hardesty Construction (Cemetery Mowing)	\$	2,133.00
HD Utilities (switch in-oline \$1564.02)	\$	2,180.58
LaCrosse Lumber (Wilson St Substation Supplies \$1061.57)	\$	1,763.97
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	5,629.14
MISO	\$	1,133.07
UMB Bank (Elec Substation MAMU-ob Lease Substation)	\$	13,147.41
Veolia (clean up week dumpsters)	\$	1,863.12
Williams-Keepers LLC (Progress payment # 2)	\$	15,000.00
Harold K Scholz (partial payment metalclad switchgear)	\$	246,640.00

Alderman Orsini made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$520,515.47. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Presentation Concerning Control of Feral Cats:

Connie Kelley, a resident on Doty Avenue, was present to request a change in the existing city code regarding the number of dogs and cats allowed at each residence. Ms. Kelly stated the neighborhood complaints have been very low and requested the animal code be changed to exempt feral cats' caretakers from the limit of 4 per household. She stated feral cats are not pets and not socialized to people. She stated in 2007 there were cats living in the city streets and the numbers continued to grow with no one taking care of them. In the past three years she reported she has successfully trapped the feral cats in her area to be spayed or neutered them as well have them vaccinated against rabies. Studies have shown this procedure actually reduces the number of feral cats. She stated without her care there would have been over 300 feral cats roaming freely. She has done this at her expense but has been able to take advantage of the SNAP discount for these procedures. SNAP (Spay, Neuter and Protect) is an organization with Second Chance. Two people associated with Second Chance in Columbia were present: Christina McCullen and Holly Oswald.

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There were approximately 11 people attending the meeting in support of the change in the city code with 5 attendees being Centralia residents. The Second Chance group stated they had recently worked with the City of Hermann to adopt their ordinance allowing caretakers for feral cats. The left ear is clipped to signify the animal has been fixed. Ms. Kelly stated the trapping to spay or neuter and vaccinate the feral cats is a humane way of dealing with feral cats. Caretakers regularly feed the cats to keep them from raiding area dumpsters for food. Anytime there is food, space and water available, feral cats will congregate. Every effort is made to re-home the cats but most feral cats are not adoptable. Since volunteers would be entrapping the cats at their own expense, there would not be any cost to the city. Ms. Kelly reported the owner of the field where the feral cats are located, Andrew Stanton, has stated he is very happy to have the feral cats taken care of. Ms. Kelley said the feral cats were there in the first place and did not come because she has cared for them. Feral cats do not become domesticated.

Alderman Million asked what would happen to the feral cat colony if Ms. Kelly was to move from the area. Ms. Kelly stated if the caretaker moves, then an attempt is made to find a replacement caretaker. Alderman Million applauded Ms. Kelly for spending her own money to take care of the feral cats. He asked what caused her to bring this topic to the board. Ms. Kelly reported she had been told by the code enforcement officer that the code enforcement officer would have to put out a trap to trap the feral cats.

City Attorney Beck asked what type of shelter had she provided the cats. Ms. Kelly stated she is currently using four storage containers and is housing nine cats. Ms. Kelly stated once the feral colony is established, the cats will not allow other cats to come in. She stated two cats in a few years can produce 420 cats.

City Administrator Behrns asked if anyone is caring for any feral cats on Kellogg Drive. Ms. Kelly said no. She stated she would be happy to share information to anyone. The Second Chance group from Columbia brought website information and brochures.

Alderman Parmeley stated to refine the ordinance would mean defining a caretaker and an owner of animals. He proposed the board review the information presented during the meeting and discuss it further at the July committee meeting to see if the board would wish to proceed with a change in the city code. Alderman Parmeley read from Ms. Kelly's information that there is an estimated 1,340 feral cats in Centralia which he feels is a high count. Her information also proposed an estimated savings of \$120,000 to the city over time.

Alderman Orsini stated she would like to see the ordinance the city of Hermann adopted. The Second Chance group said they would provide that.

Mr. Beck stated the wording would be very important to avoid persons who tend have a lot of animals congregate at their residence deeming themselves as caretakers. The Second Chance group stated the difference between a feral cat and a domesticated cat is very obvious.

Mr. Behrns asked the group how close Columbia was in doing anything about the feral cats in their community. The Second Chance group stated they were currently working with the health department to get an ordinance drafted. It would then be reviewed by the City of Columbia's legal department. They said animal control and the humane society are very supportive of their efforts in Columbia.

Mr. Behrns stated Mr. Stanton's large field would be a special circumstance but having a caretaker in a large residential area would be an issue for city residents.

Daryl Spauldin asked the caretakers if their efforts would assist with some of the cat population that is located in farmland area. He has owned property in the county for 10 years and has had as many as 8-10 cats dumped on his property. He would see the change in the city ordinance as a plus if it would take care of these type cats.

Alderman Parmeley made the motion to table the discussion concerning the feral cats until Tuesday, July 6th during the Public Works/Public Utilities Committee meeting. Mayor Grenke suggested the Code Enforcement Officer, Sandy Buck attend the meeting as well. Alderman Orsini seconded the meeting. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

The feral cat group left the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m..

Charlie Atkinson residing at 507 North Pratt Street stated he lives close to short section of Brick Street that has been requested to be added to this year's paving project. Mr. Atkinson stated this section of Brick Street is an old street that has never had anything done to it during the 40 years he has lived there except chip and seal. He thinks the street will require a entire tear out of the old street with a new base put down. He stated the city should be able to use a front loader to tear it out. He recommended once the old street is torn out, to put gravel down for now and put it on the list for another year to be paved. Mr. Atkinson said there was mud showing through now and the street really needed to be widened. Mr. Atkinson served as an alderman for several years.

Mr. Behrns responded Mr. Atkinson's suggestion is different that what has been planned. He had the city crew patch the worst spots and was just planning on doing an overlay for now. He was not sure there would be funds to deal with Brick Street in any case as it depended on the cost for the higher priority street overlays for Gano Chance, Fairgrounds and Bradford Streets. Traffic has been reported to be very light on Brick Street with less than 100 cars per day that travels it. Mr. Behrns stated Chance Company has not responded with the request to assist with funding the repairs to Brick Street.

Mayor Grenke asked Mr. Behrns for an estimate to remove the existing street and gravel it. Mr. Behrns will review and get an estimate.

Mr. Atkinson left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None Scheduled.

Permits and Licenses - None scheduled.

Legal:

ORDINANCE: Additional Requirements to Obtain Peddlers Business License

City Attorney Beck prepared the proposed ordinance for additional requirements to obtain peddler's business license based on the recommendation by the board. The aldermen agreed with the change as recommended.

Alderman Orsini presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2522 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 16-14 TO REQUIRE THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY LICENSE OFFICER BY APPLICANTS FOR PEDDLERS BUSINESS LICENSES." 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 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 Bormann seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, 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 2608.

PURCHASING:

ORDINANCE: Substation SCADA System - Barnes Henry, Meisenheimer, & Gende, Inc.

Mr. Behrns stated the cheapest way for the city to come up with a system that integrates the new system and the old system for the new substation is for the engineers to design and build it as they go along. This is the capstone to the substation project. Alderman Orsini asked if this system would allow automatic switching back and forth between the substations. Mr. Behrns said it would but it would not have solved the last Friday's power outage with Ameren. Although it would have allowed the city to be up and running a whole lot faster with this system.

Alderman Million presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2523 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BARNES, HENRY, MEISENHEIMER & GENDE, INC. ARNOLD, MISSOURI FOR SERVICES RELATING TO DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM (SCADA) FOR THE CITY'S ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM" Alderman Million 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 Million moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bormann 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 Million moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, 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 2609.

Power Outage - Mr. Behrns stated he was out of town last Friday afternoon during the power outage. Ameren provides power to our existing substation and one of the phases burnt on the Ameren side of the substation. It had the effect of dropping one of the phases off of our system. One third of Centralia was okay but the other two thirds lacked adequate power and suffered a brown-out. The city crew was called out and quickly diagnosed the problem. The city crew called Ameren and they shut off the power to the entire town immediately. Once the Ameren repairman was on the scene, he agreed with the city crew's assessment. Due to the fact it was high voltage lines and Ameren's work rules do not allow servicemen to conduct work on their own, the Ameren repairman had to wait until another serviceman was on site. The second repairman had to travel from Wellsville. Once the second repairman was on site, the repairs were carried out quickly. Mr. Behrns stated Ameren would probably site the tariff rule which states their company is not responsible for any damage that would have occurred due to the outage. However, he did have a 800 number for residents to submit their claim but more than likely it would be denied. The resident could then take the denial letter to their own insurance company to process the claim.

SEWER JET CLEANER TOOL HEADS:

A quote had been received for a diamond saw blade in the amount of \$1,479.58 from COE Equipment Company. Since the equipment was specific for this type of equipment only one quote was received. The bid included a 6" skid assembly for \$108.74, a 6" diamond saw for \$1,371.84, and a 6" flat saw for \$91.49. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to purchase the diamond saw package in the amount of \$1,479.58 from COE Equipment Company. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the mayor for ayes and nays, the motion carried unanimously.

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A bid was also received for a root system package which includes a ¾" warhog nozzle package with service kit in the amount of \$1,324.00 from COE Equipment Company. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to purchase the root package from COE Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,324.00. Alderman Simmons seconded the motion. On a call by the mayor for ayes and nays, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE: Refurbishing of Water Supply Well No. 3 -

Mr. Behrns reported the bid for the refurbishing of water supply well no. 3 was twice the amount of what was expected. Only one bid had been received. The total bid was \$319,019.00 from Flynn Drilling Company which included the electrical control panel. He asked Flynn if the proposal could be modified. Flynn Drilling quoted \$168,338.00 for the well and pumping equipment modifications including mechanical piping. Flynn's letter with the revised proposal was included in the packets. The second proposal would eliminate the electrical control panel and the radio controlled system. Mr. Behrns realized the cost for drilling may not be as cheap the seconded time around and the revised proposal would give the city a basic operating well.. This would give the city time to find the funds for the remaining portion of the project, possibly next budget year. The original well was built in 1959.

Water Department Foreman Mike Forsee was present and said if the city was looking at expansion in the future, then would need well no. 3. He reported the city was down to one well over the weekend due to the storm Friday night. Presently well #3 is capable of producing but must drill down additional footage and be reamed out another 50 foot down for additional production. Once this is done, well no. 3 could produce equally to wells no. 4 and 6. Flynn Drilling has been on the spot for needed repairs and are very reliable. Layne-Western was much higher in their past quote. Instead of drilling a brand new well, well no. 3 could be refurbished which is already on transmission lines – eliminating any requirement for a new main. Mr. Behrns said the city has existing infrastructure and would not have to guess about a geological study. The control panels are high in costs which the largest portion of the cost being software not hardware. Mr. Behrns if the city proceeded with the revised bid, then everything would be in place except the control panel. Currently the city is running one well for a month or two at a time. With well no. 3 on line in full capacity, this should allow for replacing the pumps and piping every 10 years instead of the current 5-6 years. Mr. Behrns and Mr. Forsee recommended the revised proposal from Flynn Drilling.

Alderman Simmons presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2524 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 FLYNN DRILLING COMPANY OF TROY MISSOURI TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION, REHABILITATION AND UPGRADES OF CENTRALIA WATER WELL NO.3 IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA MISSOURI ." Alderman Simmons 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 Orsini and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Simmons moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini 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 Simmons moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, 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 2610.

ORDINANCE: Construction Engineering Services for Refurbishing of Water Supply Well No. 3 – Burns and McDonnell

Mr. Behrns presented a revised proposed ordinance for the construction engineering services for refurbishing of well no. 3 due to the elimination of the control panel. The contract was revised to reflect a fee not to exceed \$9,100.00 to provide engineering services related to the rehabilitation, well house replacement and electrical upgrades for water well no. 3. Mr. Behrns recommended passage of the proposed ordinance.

Alderman Parmeley presented a bill marked and designated as bill no.2525 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 BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND ELECTRIC UPGRADES FOR CENTRALIA WATER WELL NO. 3 IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." Alderman Parmeley 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 Parmeley moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bormann 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 Parmeley 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: Angell, Bormann, 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 2611.

TRANSFORMER FOR WELL NO. 3:

Mr. Behrns received two bids for the purchase of 3-75 kva 277/480 volt conventional transformers. Low bid was received from Solomon Corporation in the amount of \$1,480 each for a total bid of \$4,440.00 for the three transformers. He reported the electric crew will probably do the internal wiring for the building. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to approve the purchase of 3-75 kva 277/480 volt conventional transformers from Solomon Corporation for the total purchase price of \$4,440.00. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the mayor for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

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Mike Forsee left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Grenke reported City Attorney Merritt Beck reached his 25 year anniversary with the city last month. He then read a proclamation commending Mr. Beck for his 25 years of service as city attorney and presented him with a award plaque.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

Mayor Grenke received a thank you note from the Centralia Accessibility Committee for allowing the committee to use the ramp during Anchor Fest on the north side of the square.

Mayor Grenke also received an email from Bob Ormann with the Boone County Partnership concerning exploring grant opportunities for farmers markets, etc. He had forward this information to all board members and Ginny Zoellers with the Chamber. Ken Laroes is a grant writer and has offered his assistance, if our city needs to write a grant. The Boone County Partnership group has now folded but there is still talk about starting a different group to replace the partnership.

Aldermen:

Alderman Orsini expressed her appreciation for the quick action of the city electric crew during the power outage last Friday. Once the problem was fixed by Ameren, our city crew had the power restored in 10 minutes even though Ameren had estimated it would take 30-45 minutes.

Alderman Simmons inquired when our city was hosting the MML dinner meeting. It is scheduled to be held in Centralia in December or January and it was suggested to see if it would be possible to hold it at the Park Recreation Center.

Alderman Bormann inquired if Fire Chief Rusch had mentioned making any appointments to the fire department. The mayor will check with Chief Rusch. Due to the possible appointment, the meeting will be recessed until Tuesday, July 6th at 7 p.m.

City Administrator:

Mr. Behrns reported he had received word T-Mobile is near agreement on the telecommunications settlement. The agreement is currently going to the judge for review. The settlement with our city will be less than \$500.

City Attorney:

Mr. Beck thanked the board for recognition of his 25 years of service. He further stated his work was made possible with the team efforts of Mr. Behrns, the city staff and elected officials.

CityClerk: None.

As May Arise:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Orsini made the motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7 p.m.. Alderman Parmeley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m.

Kathy Colvin, City Clerk