

Mayor Protem Simmons 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. Behrms, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Heidi Chick and Guard Reporter James Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Protem Simmons led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Protem Simmons 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 Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Grenke joined the meeting by phone. The consent agenda had already been accepted when he joined the meeting. However he mentioned the minutes dated July 7th should be July 6th. City Clerk Colvin stated she would see that the minutes were changed to reflect the correct date.

Accounts Payable over \$1250 were presented in the amount of \$377,341.34 as follows:

Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	234,572.26
Ameren Service - MC 1037 (Transmission Charges)	\$	17,683.13
Armour Equipment (30-96 Gal Poly Carts)	\$	1,980.00
Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (Inspection service \$1453.82)	\$	1,949.79
Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (Prog Pay SCADA Substation)	\$	32,760.47
Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende (SCADA for substation)	\$	21,294.30
City of Columbia (June Landfill Charges)	\$	7,130.57
COE Equipment (Skid Assembly / Diamond Saw / Warthog Nozzle)	\$	2,831.43
Hardest Construction (Cemetery Mowing)	\$	2,133.00
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	5,555.62
Midwest Meter (Centron 240 V Meter Display/Radio \$5369.40)	\$	8,633.40
Missouri Rural Service Workers Comp (Audit Addition)	\$	1,548.00
Pitney Bowes (Postage)	\$	2,500.00
THC (Parts & Repairs Units # 31 #9 #82)	\$	1,596.54
UMB Bank - MAMU	\$	13,172.57
Cummins Mid-South (Annual maintenance contract generator)	\$	2,055.49
Jones, Lang, LaSalle Americas Inc (Permit for RR Crossing KC Southern)	\$	15,000.00
Crown Power (Unit # 37 Parts/Labor)	\$	1,677.27
Mississippi Lime (Quicklime)	\$	3,267.50

Mr. Behrms reports the Jones, Lange, LaSalle Americas Inc invoice was for the Kansas City Southern permit to put lines across their tracks. This is in addition to the filing fee already submitted. There will also be an additional fee to pay the firm who will oversee the city's work including flagmen to be sure no hazards are created for the trains coming through. An additional \$3,000 to 44,000 will be charged for this work. Kansas City Southern contracts everything out and the city is stuck with this expense. This will be paid from the lease purchase funds. It is an unanticipated expense but the city has no recourse but to pay the fees. Mr. Behrms will take his complaint to the MPUA conference in September concerning these unexpected expenses as he knows there are other cities who feel the railroad has taken unfair advantage of them. Alderman Orsini wanted it noted for the record that the railroad has gone outside their purview as they are now committing highway robbery. Mr. Behrms also reported the railroad is requiring 30 days notice before the city begins work. Mr. Behrms also stated this would be a one time fee and the railroad will not be able to come back and request any additional permit fees in the future. However, if maintenance would be required in the future, the city would still be required to pay for any flagmen required.

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Alderman Parmeley made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$377,341.34. Alderman Million seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AUDIT BY WILLIAMS-KEEPERS, LLC

Heidi Check, partner with Williams-Keepers LC, was present to present the Fiscal Year 2010 audit. She reviewed the table of contents with the board and explained the two sets of financial statements. One set of financial statements are the government wide and the other set is the fund financial statements. The Government wide is a full accrual basis and puts all funds in one place. The fund financial statements are in the format the board is used to reviewing. The audit was rated a clean opinion and city staff was very cooperative during the audit.

Ms. Chick reported the management discussion and analysis is prepared by the city administrator after he has received all the numbers from Williams-Keepers and he then puts them in a narrative format. The city's total assets are over \$20 million with a significant portion representing capital assets. Our liability is \$4.8 million with \$3.9 million related to debt including capital leases. The governmental funds' ending balance was \$570,000. The audit footnotes were prepared by Williams-Keepers and were pretty consistent with last year with the exception of the substation lease as there was more expense for that project the past fiscal year.

She reviewed the management letter which disclosed the financial statements had been prepared by the auditors. Ms. Chick said this is pretty common for cities our size but it must be disclosed in writing for GAAP purposes. The auditors also commented network access should be more limited. She did state the staff does a pretty good job of separating duties and this recommendation is not ideal for a small staff. The audit also made recommendations for the handling of cash receipts at the Park Recreation Center, as well as the city's wire transfer policy and the city's written disaster plan. Ms. Chick also reported due to additional GAAP requirements in the future, the city will need to have a policy in effect to offset funds set aside for certain purchases such as a future purchase of a city fire truck. The policy should categorize what the funds will be used for.

Ms. Chick stated this was the last year of the 3-year contractual agreement between the city and Williams-Keepers LC. Williams-Keepers has submitted a new proposal for the next three years: the 2011 fee would be the same as the 2008 fee, the 2012 fee would be the same as the 2009 fee and there would be a small increase for the 2013 year. The proposal also includes 8 hours of accounting time to assist Kathy with some of the entries. Williams-Keepers also keeps Kathy informed of training sessions to assist her. Kathy also regularly attends training sessions held at the Williams-Keepers office in Columbia put on by GGFOA at no cost to the city. Mr. Behrns stated the audit is done by GASB standards so part of the process during the audit is converting the city's financials from a cash basis to an accrual basis. The board will consider the new proposal at a future meeting.

Daryl Spauldin arrived for the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion to accept the delivery of the audit was made by Alderman Parmeley. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini. On a call by the Mayor Protem. for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

ACTION AGENDA:

Finance: None scheduled.

Permits and Licenses - None scheduled.

Legal:

ORDINANCE: Amending City Code Concerning Speed Limit on North Jefferson

Mr. Behrns stated the proposed ordinance to amend the city code concerning lowering the speed limit from 35 to 25 miles per hours on North Jefferson Street from Poage Street to Highway 22 was made by Mr. Smith who resides on North Jefferson. The change was discussed during committee. If the ordinance is approved, signs will be installed as early as tomorrow.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2526 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 18-33 CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS ON NORTH JEFFERSON STREET." 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 Million 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 Orsini and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor Protem then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Bormann moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Million seconded the motion. The Mayor Protem 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 Protem declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor Protem and signed by the Mayor Protem as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor Protem, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2612.

PURCHASING:

Pickup Truck:

Bids had been received for replacement of the one ton pickup for the water department. Water Department Foreman Mike Forsee had said a diesel or gas engine either one would be okay. He had discussed the pros and cons of a diesel engine with two mechanics and they had assured him the gas engine would enable him to complete his projects. Both bids included gas engines with the full equipment requested including a sprayed- in bed liner. Bids were as follows:

Forrest Chevrolet \$28,590.00

Machens Ford \$27,827.00

Motion was made by Alderman Million to accept the bid from Forrest Chevrolet in the amount of \$28,590.00 for the 1 ton pickup with the gasoline engine and requested equipment. This would keep the business in town and would be less costly for mileage for repairs. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor: None

Aldermen: none

City Administrator:

Mr. Behrns reported Huber and Associates are requesting a \$25 increase per month in their monthly maintenance contract for the Police Department's Enterpol software. There has not been an increase for 3-4 years. It would be a new contract and can be cancelled by either party on short notice. Mr. Behrns did not think it would require formal board approval by passing an ordinance. The board was in agreement with the increase.

Mr. Behrns reported the negotiations for a new wholesale electric power contract is somewhat closer. There are small details concerning a letter of credit to be worked out. Approval to sign a new agreement was previously given by the board to the mayor or mayor protem. The price at this time is \$49.50 plus transmission charges for an approximately total of \$63.00. The city is currently paying \$78 plus the MISO transmission charges. This should allow the city to keep from spending more from the electric fund than taking in.

Mr. Behrns received the assessed evaluations today and the evaluations went down by about \$40-45,000 so basically held stable. The real estate increased in value and the personal property decreased. The proposed 2010 tax rates will probably be the same as last year. The approval for the 2010 tax rates will be on next months' agenda. A public hearing concerning the proposed tax rates would be held prior to that meeting.

City Attorney: None

City Clerk

Colvin reminded the board about the MML Fall Conference to be held in St. Charles September 12th to 15th. She will need to submit room reservations soon to secure lodging for anyone wishing to attend., Mayor Grenke and Alderman Bormann stated they were definitely planning on attending. Alderman Simmons, Million and Angell were considering it.

As May Arise:

Alderman Parmeley reported the MS Society will again be sponsoring a bike ride to raise money for MS. The route will be very similar to last year and will be coming through Centralia. They are again requesting assistance from the police department to help with traffic control such like last year. September 11th and 12th are the dates for the bike ride

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Orsini 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 are: 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 will be discussed or recorded, as provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. Alderman Orsini asked that the motion be adopted by roll call vote. Motion was seconded by Alderman Parmeley. On a call by the Mayor Protem for a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows: Voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: None.

The board went into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

During the closed session only those items dealing with legal action were discussed. No action was taken during the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

There being no further business to discuss during the closed session. Alderman Parmeley made the motion to return to open session. Alderman Million seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem for a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows: Voting FOR: Bormann, Million, Orsini, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: Angell.

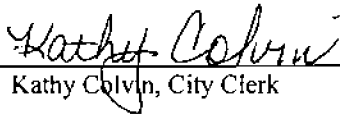
The board returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.

When the board returned to the open session. Mr. Spauldin had left the meeting.

ADJOURN:

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 Protem for ayes and nays the motion passed. Alderman Angell voted nay.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Kathy Colvin, City Clerk