

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

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

Alderman Angell was not present for roll call but arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Grenke was present by phone.

Also present were City Administrator Lynn P. Behrns, City Attorney Merritt Beck, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Evelyn Robertson, and Guard Report 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

Mayor Protem Simmons asked for correction for the General Government minutes dated August 9, 2010 under Protective Inspections – 3rd paragraph – it should state Don Rodgers is behind “his” own schedule (not he). Mayor Grenke also stated the General Government minutes should reflect he was present by phone. Motion was made by Alderman Orsini to accept the consent agenda in its entirety with the corrections as noted. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem Simmons for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable over \$1250 were presented in the amount of \$398,277.13 as follows:

Ameren (Transmission Charges)	\$	18,562.70
Ameren Energy Marketing (Wholesale Electric)	\$	259,490.89
Bartlett & West (Observing & Flagging Services For KCS Railroad)	\$	4,500.00
BHMG (SCADA System 50% complete \$19656.28)	\$	19,859.34
Hardesty Construction (Cemetery Mowing)	\$	2,133.00
HD Supply Waterworks (18" Meter Tiles)	\$	1,415.07
Huber & Associates (Maintenance Agreement (\$4200)	\$	4,680.00
MFA Oil (Fuel)	\$	6,819.14
Solomon Corp (Electric Supplies)	\$	4,440.00
City of Columbia (Landfill charges for July)	\$	6,444.52
HD Supply Utilities (Hyd Pole Puller)	\$	2,100.00
MISO (7/15/10)	\$	2,604.12
MISO (8/15/10)	\$	3,480.39
UMB Bank NA (MAMU 08 Electric Substation Lease)	\$	7,000.00
Angell & Co (2nd RR Protective Liability Policy)	\$	1,605.00
UMB Bank (Library GO Bond payment)	\$	5,555.00
UMB Bank (Park Lease Purchase payment)	\$	47,587.96

Alderman Parmeley made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable over \$1250 in the amount of \$398,277.13. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor Protem Simmons for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled.

Setting Property Tax Rates for 2010:

Alderman Simmons opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. for setting the 2010 property tax rates. No one present made any comments concerning the proposed tax rates and no comments written or otherwise were received prior to the meeting. The hearing had been advertised in the local paper. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA:

FINANCE:

ORDINANCE: Setting Property Tax Rates for 2010

Mr. Behrns reported he had not received the calculation sheets from the state auditor's office for this year to confirm his calculations. The rates proposed are the maximum allowed by law and essentially the same as last year.

Alderman Orsini presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2527 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2010 FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES, FOR MAINTENANCE AND THE SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY, FOR DEBT SERVICE OF OUTSTANDING LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BONDS AND FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING FREE PUBLIC PARKS." 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 Million 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 Million 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 Orsini 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 2613.

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None scheduled.

LEGAL:

ORDINANCE: Authorizing Settlement Agreement with T-Mobile Concerning Unpaid Telephone License Taxes

Mr. Behrns stated the proposed ordinance would authorize a settlement agreement with T-Mobile concerning unpaid telephone license taxes. T-Mobile had not paid a lot of fees during most of the litigation period so it is a small settlement amount. There are not a lot of T-Mobile users in our area.

Alderman Bormann presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2528 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE." 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 Protem then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Bormann moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Parmeley 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 2614.

PURCHASING:

Public Address System for Council Chambers:

Two bids had been received for the purchase of a public address system for the council room as follows:

Steel-Nett = \$4,200.00
BT Services = \$4,548.00

The proposals had been discussed during committee. Alderman Orsini stated the Mayor had had questions during the committee meeting as to what Steel-Nett's quote provided. Documentation for both proposals had been included in the board packets. Mayor Grenke (speaking by phone) stated he thought BT Services looked like a little better proposal as it included 9 microphones. Alderman Orsini stated there were 9 microphones listed on the Steel-Nett proposal as it included seven anchor microphones, one wireless handheld microphone and one chairman microphone. Alderman Million said Steel-Nett was a very good company and he recommended Steel-Nett. Alderman Bormann made the motion to accept the low bid of \$4,200.00 from Steel-Nett for the purchase of a public address system. 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:

Alderman Bormann inquired as to the status of Water Department Foreman Forsee's testing on the creek samples. Mr. Behrns stated he has not received any sample reports back yet but he will let Alderman Bormann know as soon as they are received.

City Administrator:

Report on Wholesale Power Contract:

Mr. Behrns reported last week he was able to recommend Mayor Protem Simmons sign a wholesale power contract with Ameren Energy Marketing from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. The exact price will vary slightly depending on the load across the country and grid. Parts of the price include categories for MISO charges for transmission. The cost will be \$47.16 per mega watt hour compared to \$68.00 per mega watt hour now. In 2012 the city will save better than 21 cents per mega watt hour. The end result will be savings in excess of ¼ million dollars over the 3 year period. Mr. Behrns said Mr. Harbour with Spiegel-McDiarmid should be commended for his assistance in the negotiations. Mr. Behrns reported contracts have been signed and sent in. There is one supplemental contract for the price with Ameren Energy Marketing, AEM made the assumption that Marceline and Kahoka would be available to count toward capacity charge for MISO requirements. These two cities have generators behind their meter that would be available but would likely never be used but the cities would get credit. Centralia will contract with Marceline and Kahoka for this capacity. This will amount to \$.33 or \$.34 per megawatt hour and this amount was included in the \$47.16 amount. Mr. Behrns stated, barring a national calamity, the city electric rates will not have to be raised for 2012, 2013, 2014. Ameren Energy Marketing assumed the responsibility for any carbon tax costs, if congress should pass a carbon tax such as carbon dioxide, mercury, etc during the term of the contract. If there are new regulations all risk will be assumed by AEM.

Direction on Audit Contract:

Mr. Behrns requested direction from the board concerning the proposal from Williams-Keepers LLC for a 3 year extension for the auditing contract. Three bid proposals were received three years ago when the city had put the audit services out for bid. This information had been included in an earlier packet to the board plus a letter from City Treasurer Bill Miller written at the time of the audit proposals review. There were 4-5 companies that did not submit proposals three years ago even though it was solicited. Williams-Keepers' new proposal has been priced for 2011 and 2012 for the same as their 2009 and 2010 cost. The 2013 cost is slightly higher. City Clerk Colvin had noted from earlier minutes that some of the concern was that the relationship between the city and the auditors had become "too comfortable" over the years. Colvin explained the financial information that the city provides the auditors is proven by the auditors so does not believe it is a "comfortable" relationship. Alderman Orsini stated she saw it more as the auditors were too comfortable in that they assumed the city would not shop around for audit services. Alderman Million stated he was not comfortable in accepting the Williams-Keepers proposal when other companies might be interested in submitting a proposal. More discussion was held with Alderman Angell making the motion to accept the Williams-Keepers proposal without seeking other proposals from other audit companies. Alderman Bormann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held with the following vote: Voting FOR: Angell, Bormann, Parmeley and Simmons. Voting AGAINST: Million and Orsini. The motion was declared passed with a vote of 4-2. Mr. Behrns will prepare an ordinance to present at next month's meeting to allow the signing of the contract.

Report on Naragansett Building:

Mr. Behrns had included in the board packet a letter from Clifford DeLaRosa concerning the progress on the Naragansett building. Mr. Behrns stated Mr. DeLaRosa's progress is slower than hoped but he is making progress. Weather has caused difficulty as well as some personal matters. Mr. Behrns has walked around the building but has not been inside. Mr. DeLaRosa has worked on the windows but now more windows need work. The fence has not been completed. Alderman Parmeley suggested progress pictures be taken and ask Mr. DeLaRosa for an update on his list. Mr. Behrns will take pictures and talk with him. He said the letter was totally voluntary on Mr. DeLaRosa's part.

Alderman Parmeley said Rodger's Rental is doing a wonderful job and making a lot of progress with his buildings.

City Attorney: none

City Clerk:

Colvin asked for the registration information for those that will be attending the MML meeting

Colvin also told the board she will be out of the office beginning August 24th for 4-6 weeks.

As May Arise:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Kathy Colvin, City Clerk