

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, April 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by David Wilkins at 6:33 p.m.

Present were Mayor Cox, and Aldermen Magley, Rodgers, Stevens, Wilkins, and Hudson.

Absent was Alderman Motley.

Also attending were City Administrator Heather Russell, Police Chief Bob Bias, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Public Works Director Mike Forsee, Electric Dept. Acting Foreman Matt Fadler, Street Dept. Assistant Foreman Deme Towne, Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Matthew Rusch, Dispatch Supervisor Brenda Moss, Sheila Bias, Linda Bormann, Don Bormann, Gary Davis and Blake Wilbers – both w/Bartlett and West.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Chris Cox read a proclamation recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and presented a framed copy of the proclamation to Brenda Moss. After the presentation B. Moss left the meeting.

Comments from Citizens – None

Public Safety

Police Chief Bias talked about the radar trailer obtained recently. The trailer will be used on various streets in Centralia to monitor speed. It currently is on Gano Chance and will remain there this week. Bias also mentioned some of the data obtained from the trailer –average speed, high speed and numbers of vehicles in particular areas. Alderman Rodgers asked if the unit could be used on Highway 22. Bias did not think it could as that road is maintained by MODOT.

Mayor Cox commented the analytics provided will be very useful.

The Centralia Police Vehicle Purchase versus Lease Purchase summary was reviewed – the Dodge Durango is the considered vehicle. Chief Bias will request a copy of the lease agreement for review by the Aldermen and City Administrator. It is his understanding that at the end of the lease the vehicles can be purchased for \$1.00. City Administrator Russell advised this will require an ordinance. She will need details on the vehicles being sold.

Alderman Stevens asked if there had been any response from the dealer in Centralia – Chief Bias responded “no”.

Russell advised there is a sample Speed Limit Ordinance in the packet, the changes are highlighted – on Gano Chance Dr from Columbia Street to Jefferson Street the speed limit shall be twenty five (25) MPH and from Jefferson St to two thousand seven hundred (2,700) feet east of Jefferson St the speed limit shall be thirty-five (35) MPH. On W Singleton St for Missouri Highway 124 to the Colt Railroad tracks the speed limit shall be thirty (30) MPH and from the Colt RR to Hickman St the speed limit shall be twenty-five (25) MPH.

Fire Chief Denny Rusch inquired if air packs are in the budget. Several of the packs need replacing. He will get updated pricing.

Emergency Management – No report

Protective Inspection – No report

General Government and Finance

Economic Development – No report

Park Board – No Report

Cemetery Report - No report.

Tree Board - No report.

Library Board

March Meeting minutes and April Meeting agenda were included in the packet. H. Russell asked me to report on up-coming activities planned at the library. I referenced the planned Craft Supplies Swap in May and the new "Be Surprised" book bundles. Registration for both programs can be accessed from the library website.


Bills over \$1,250

Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250. Russell pointed out the payments to Martin General Contractors for the Water Treatment Plant in the amounts of \$500,000.00 (payment 1 of 2) and \$1,107,970.00 (payment 2 of 2).

As May Arise

Alderman Magley inquired about the burned house at 425 S Allen. Heather Russell stated she has pictures and is working on compiling information to request clean up.

Alderman Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Rodgers seconded the motion. Voise vote in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Simmons", is written over a horizontal line.

Catherine Simmons, Asst City Clerk I