



General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:45 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

General Government/Public Safety Chairman David Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Alderman Motley, Alderman Hudson, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Stevens, Alderman Rodgers and Alderman Magley answered roll call. Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Cox, City Administrator Heather Russell, Public Works Director Mike Forsee, Police Chief Bob Bias, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Electric Department Foreman Matt Fadler, Street Department Foreman Phil Hoffman and Water Department Foreman Matthew Rusch. Also present was Scott Abercrombie.

PUBLIC SAFETY

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Police Chief Bias reports the activity report is included in the meeting packet. He has no additional comments other than Anchorfest appeared to be uneventful.

When asked about the new vehicles Bias stated they are working well; there is one with a quirky warranty issue and it is being worked on with the dealer.

a. Activity Report

b. Chief of Police Monthly Report

c. Other

Minutes:

Police Chief Bias asked for clarification of the School Zone Speed limits; the current ordinance states the School Speed Limit is 20 MPH and a higher fine will be imposed if the lights are flashing. An ordinance will be required if the Board

of Aldermen decide to change the speed limit in school zones.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Fire Chief Denny Rusch advises the activity report is in the packet. He reports there will be a delay in getting the Air Pack.

City Administrator Russell announced the Centralia Fire Department had been nominated for the Tom S Hurley Award - this award seeks to recognize an individual, paid or un-paid, agency or organization which embodies the qualities and spirit of Tom S. Hurley, in their championship of, and service to, the community. This award was presented to another individual posthumously.

b. Other

Fire Training August 2021

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Minutes:

City Administrator Russell states there is nothing to report.

6. PROTECTIVE INSPECTION

Minutes:

City Administrator Russell states some progress has been made on the old Maranatha Church - finally obtained some answers from the title company and hope to have further details soon.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Chamber of Commerce Reports

Minutes:

There will be a Cider Walk September 16 early evening. Several downtown businesses will be open late and there will be vendors on the square.

The Anchor City Cook-Off will be October 8-9, 2021. This will coincide with Second Saturday so could be a busy week-end for Centralia. The number of entries may be increased this year due to the cancellation of another cook-off event. The turn out for the first Farmers Market was good.

8. PARK BOARD

a. Park Board Agenda(s)

Minutes:

No comments.

b. Park Board Minute(s)

Minutes:

No Comments.

9. LIBRARY BOARD

a. Library Board Agenda(s)

Minutes:

There will be a new appointment to the Library Board at the BOA meeting September 20, 2021.

b. Library Board Minute(s)

Minutes:

No comments.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Cemetery Advisory Committee

Minutes:

No comments.

b. Tree Board

Minutes:

No comments.

11. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Balance Sheet

b. Budget Report

c. Bills Over \$1,250

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No comments or questions.

12. OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a. Centralia Pandemic Illness Policy

Minutes:

There was discussion regarding the pandemic flu leave policy.

b. Proposed Changes to Chapter 22 Personnel of the City of Centralia Code Concerning Employees

Minutes:

City Administrator Russell advised most of the changes follow MIRMA recommendations. There was discussion regarding some of the policies.

13. AS MAY ARISE

14. ADJOURN

Minutes:

Alderman Robert Hudson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Terri Motley seconded the motion. Chairman Wilkins called the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.