



## **Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:45 pm**

### **CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Minutes:**

Aldermen Lonnie Cox, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley answered roll call. Alderman David Wilkins was absent.

Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, City Clerk Marilyn Dick. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Linda Bormann, Don Bormann.

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox opened the floor for Comments from Citizens at 6:50pm. Linda Bormann asked the Board for clarification regarding payment for the water slaker replacement, asking if it is at the citizens' expense, or if it is being covered under warranty. Mayor Cox explained the funds were budgeted from the original bond and the slaker is not under warranty.

Linda Bormann expressed that she had reviewed the unpaid utility bills being presented for write-off later in the meeting and stated one listing is that of a current Centralia business person. In her opinion, that unpaid bill(s) should not be eligible for write-off. Regarding the release of names of utility customers, Attorney Mayfield advised that legislation passed in 2022 allows cities to close utility records for names and personally identifiable information if they choose to do so; the City of Centralia has not taken any action to close customer's information.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Cox closed the Comments from Citizens section at 6:54pm.

#### **5. BARTLETT & WEST REPORT**

**a. 2023-04-17-Monthly Report WTP**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox advised the city received 3 bids for the slaker replacement, which were sent to DNR for review and recommendation. At this time the anticipated delivery time after order will be approximately one year. Mayor Cox reiterated that the city's drinking water is "perfectly safe, just not softened" without the use of the slaker.

**b. 2023-04-17-Monthly Report WWTF**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox reported that the city has received two bids to finish the punch list items on the basin. The city is seeking a third bid at this time.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved as a group unless separated by request of one or more Aldermen. (Motion)

**Minutes:**

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**a. Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes**

**b. Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**c. General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**d. Collector's Report**

**e. Treasurer's Report**

**f. Activity Reports**

**g. Financial Reports**

**7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250**

**Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1,250, for a total of \$862,019.50. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**ACTION AGENDA**

**8. FINANCE**

**a. Unpaid Utility Bills January 2022 - December 2022**

(motion)

**Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the write-off of unpaid utility bills for the period of January 2022 to December 2022, excluding the amounts unpaid by utility account 5152.

Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**b. CENTRALIA WTP REIMBURSEMENT FORM #10**

(motion)

**Minutes:**

Alderman Rodgers moved to approve the Centralia WTP Reimbursement Form #10 in the amount of \$6070.39. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**c. Centralia WW Reimbursement Request #13 (labeled as #12 for DNR)**

(motion)

**Minutes:**

Centralia WW Reimbursement Request #13 was presented for a total of \$140,371.79. City Administrator Strain explained this is \$9,251.54 for Bartlett & West expenses, \$52,611.19 for Schmitt Irrigation, and \$75,859.06 for C&S Companies. Alderman Hudson moved to approve Reimbursement Request #13 (labeled as #12 for DNR). Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**9. LEGAL****a. Legal - Amend Section 2-18 - ORD**

Bill No. 2507 Ordinance 3166

**Minutes:**

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2507 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTRALIA CITY CODE SECTION 2-18, ELECTION AND DUTIES OF CITY CLERK GENERALLY." Alderman Hudson 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 Deckerd and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Hudson moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Deckerd 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 Hudson moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins. 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 3166.

**b. Legal - RV Parking - ORD**

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes:**

An ordinance concerning parking on city property was presented for discussion. Alderman Deckerd questioned the wording of several sections. After some discussion Alderman Deckerd moved that the proposed ordinance be tabled and placed on a future Board agenda. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

**c. Changes to Chapter 22 Personnel - ORD**

Bill No. 2508 Ordinance 3167

**Minutes:**

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2508 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE CONCERNING EMPLOYEES." Alderman Rodgers 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 Deckerd and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Rodgers moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson 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 Rodgers moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins. 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 3167.

**d. Legal - Repeal Ord 3163 concerning Contract for 2023-2024 with Chamber**

Bill No. 2509 Ordinance 3168

**Minutes:**

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2509 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 3163 CONCERNING THE CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRALIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 2023-2024." Alderman Hudson 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 Rodgers and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Hudson moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Deckerd 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 Hudson moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins. 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 3168.

**e. Legal - Chamber Contract - RES**

Bill No. 2510\_ Resolution No. R-23-04

**Minutes:**

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2510 to create a

resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRALIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PERFORM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI." Alderman Deckerd moved that it be placed on its first and only reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rodgers and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Deckerd moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers, Cox. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins. 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 Resolution was designated as Resolution R-23-04.

**f. Legal - July 4th Fireworks 2023 -RES**

Bill No. 2511 Resolution No. R-23-05

**Minutes:**

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2511 to create a resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ISSUING A PERMIT TO THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL FIREWORK DISPLAY AT CITY RECREATION PARK." Alderman Deckerd moved that it be placed on its first and only reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Deckerd moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers, Cox. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins. 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 Resolution was designated as Resolution R-23-05.

**10. PURCHASING**

**a. City of Centralia Justification for Slaker**

(motion)

**Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to allow DNR to proceed with the purchase of a slaker. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Absent: 1

## NEW BUSINESS

### 11. MAYOR - Recognition

#### a. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox presented a Proclamation to the city's Public Safety Telecommunicators on April 17, in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

#### b. Lineman Appreciation Week

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox presented a Proclamation to the city's electrical linemen on April 18, in recognition of National Linemen Appreciation Week.

#### c. National Library Week

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox will present a Proclamation to the Centralia Municipal Public Library, in recognition of National Library Week April 23 thru April 29.

#### d. National Park Week

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox will present a Proclamation to the city's parks department, in recognition of National Park Week April 22 thru April 30.

### 12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

#### a. Monthly Report

**Minutes:**

City Administrator Strain reported she recently submitted 7 applications to Boone County to request ARPA funds for numerous projects. The applications totaled approximately \$1.7M. Administrator Strain will attend a Missouri Main Street Connection conference in July.

### 13. CITY ATTORNEY

**Minutes:**

City Attorney Mayfield reported that mediation on the slaker issues is scheduled to begin May 4, 2023.

### 14. CITY CLERK

### 15. AS MAY ARISE

**Minutes:**

Mayor Cox reported that 3 personnel recently completed pyrotechnical training, for fireworks certification.

Alderman Rodgers requested an update on the upcoming vacancy in the Electrical Foreman position. Administrator Strain replied that the city has received no qualified applications to date, and she will be meeting with MPUA staff to discuss possible options.

Alderman Magley requested a proposed ordinance be placed on the May agenda, to address

residents sleeping in campers within city limits.

## 16. ADJOURN

### **Minutes:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Hudson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

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