Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:30 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 6:30 pm.

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 Clerk Marilyn Dick, Public Works & Utilities Director Matthew Rusch, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, Phyllis Brown. Police Chief Harlan Hatton. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, David Hoppock, Patty Hoppock, Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch; Greg and Robin Sudbrock, Herb and Janet Brown, Phil and Hope Brown, Sam Sudbrock, Heather and Ryan Russell, Amy Maenner, Donna Stephens, Don Bormann, Nancy Sweezer, Mattie Lipford.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Minutes:
   Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
   a. **Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch**

      Minutes:
      Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch presented the City of Centralia with an American Flag and a State of Missouri flag. Toalson Reisch gave a report on the MO budget that was recently passed and offered her assistance as a grant writing liaison. She had researched Centralia employees for any unclaimed property they might be due and encouraged those parties to contact the State for assistance. Mayor Cox asked for an update on the proposed tax freeze for senior citizens, to which she replied that the county is unlikely to pass this measure; if so, she may initiate a petition to have it placed on an upcoming ballot.

   b. **Presentation of Plaques for Years of Service**

      Phyllis Brown and David Hoppock

Minutes:
Mayor Cox presented a service plaque to retired firefighter David Hoppock, thanking him for 30 years of service.
Mayor Cox presented a service plaque to retiring Assistant City Clerk 3/Cemetery Sexton Phyllis Brown, thanking her for 15 years of service.

5. **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Minutes:
Mayor Cox opened the floor for Comments from Citizens at 6:43 p.m. Hearing no comments, the section was closed at 6:43 pm.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes:
Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 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**

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

Minutes:
Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the accounts payable over $1,250, for a total of $514,442.48. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

ACTION AGENDA

8. **LEGAL**

   a. **Bid From Remsel to Complete Basin Work**

Minutes:
Matthew Rusch reported that the City received bids for completion of the basin work from 3 contractors; 2 contained incomplete figures, and only Remsel returned a written bid with final amounts listed. Attorney Mayfield advised that DNR has approved the single bid. Remsel is able to start the work the end of July. Alderman Magley refrained from any comments or discussion, to avoid any possible conflict of interest. Alderman Hudson made a motion to accept the Remsel bid for $207,623.07 and proceed to the contract stage. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 4; Nay 0; Absent 1; Abstained 1 (Magley)

9. **7. FINANCE**

a. **Pay Request Form 12**

Minutes:
City Administrator Strain presented pay request #12 for Martin Contracting work on the water treatment plant. Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve pay request #12 for a total of $43,381.12. Alderman Deckered seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote result: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

b. **WW Reimbursement Request #15 (labeled as #14 for DNR)**

Minutes:
City Administrator Strain presented DNR pay request #15 (labeled as #14 for DNR) for Martin Contracting work on the wastewater project.
Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve WW pay request #15 (labeled as #14 for DNR) for a total of $60,621.88. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

10. **PURCHASING**

a. **Purchase of Switch Gear**
(motion)

Minutes:
City Administrator Strain presented a quote from Anixter for the purchase of switchgear in the amount of $48,000. Rusch advised this would be used for services at Jim Butler.
Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the purchase of switchgear in the amount of $48,000. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

11. **MAYOR**

a. **Appointments - Appoint Beth Kable as Cemetery Sexton**

Minutes:
Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve agenda items 11a-11e as a group.
Alderman Hudson moved to approve the appointments of Beth Kable, Ethan Massey, Selestia Angell, Lori Alden, Gabe Martinez, and the July 4th Proclamation as presented.
Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

b. **Appointments - Appoint Ethan Massey for 2 year term on Centralia Industrial Development Authority**

Minutes:
Mayor Cox asked for a motion to approve agenda items 11a-11e as a group.
Alderman Hudson moved to approve the appointments of Beth Kable, Ethan Massey,

Selestia Angell, Lori Alden, Gabe Martinez, and the July 4th Proclamation as presented. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

c. **Appointments - Appoint Selestia Angell for 3 year term on Centralia Industrial Development Authority**

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Alderman Hudson moved to approve the appointments of Beth Kable, Ethan Massey, Selestia Angell, Lori Alden, Gabe Martinez, and the July 4th Proclamation as presented. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

d. **Appointments - Appoint Lori Alden & Gabe Martinez to 4 year terms on the Centralia Industrial Development Authority**

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Alderman Hudson moved to approve the appointments of Beth Kable, Ethan Massey, Selestia Angell, Lori Alden, Gabe Martinez, and the July 4th Proclamation as presented. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye 5; Nay 0; Absent 1.

e. **Proclamation - July 4th Proclamation**

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12. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

a. **Monthly Report**

Minutes:
Administrator Strain reported that the Boone County Master Planning Committee recently held a successful meeting in Centralia, with good attendance and input from many city employees. The Master Plan will be an 18 month process. Administrator Strain and City Clerk Marilyn Dick will attend the Mirma Annual Conference next week.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY**
14. **CITY CLERK**

CLOSED SESSION*

*During the meeting, the Board of Aldermen may elect to go into closed session and hold a closed vote, and the purpose of such closed session and closed vote shall be:

1. As provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for 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;
2. As provided for under Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body.

15. **CLOSED SESSION**

(motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri hold a closed meeting and a closed vote, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote was: 1. As provided for under Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for 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. 2. As provided for under Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. Alderman Hudson asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Deckerd. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Deckerd, Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins. The meeting went into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

16. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

(motion)

Minutes:

During closed session, only legal and personnel matters were discussed, and no vote was taken. Alderman Hudson made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Cox, Magley, Rodgers, Deckerd. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins. The meeting returned to open session at 8:11 pm.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

17. **AS MAY ARISE**

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson asked if the City has an ordinance prohibiting residents from parking vehicles on the lawns to artificially widen their driveways. Chief Hatton advised they will investigate the situation.
Administrator Strain requested the Board consider making the intersection of Rollins and Sneed a four way stop. Chief Hatton requested the Board also look into making parking on Sneed Street along the city hall angled parking. The Board will review these topics at a future meeting.

18. **ADJOURN**

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Rodgers made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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