



Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, December 18, 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 Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley answered roll call.

Aldermen Lonnie Cox and David Wilkins were absent.

Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, Police Chief Harlan Hatton. Citizens present: Heather Russell, Ryan Russell, Braeden Russell, Xaden Russell, Dave Raithel, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to amend the agenda to move items 9(a) and 9(b), mayoral appointments, to precede the Comments from Citizens section. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hudson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint Steven Kennemore as a Part-Time Police Officer. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint Braeden Russell as a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cox opened the Comments from Citizens section at 6:34 pm. Alderman Hudson reported he had received an email inquiry from a citizen who was concerned that local businesses would no longer have access to the recycling dumpsters. City Administrator Strain replied that she had consulted Dayne's Waste Disposal, and they offered two options for the businesses: they can set

recycling curbside on the first and third Mondays each month, and will be charged an "extra pickup" charge by Dayne's; or, the business can rent a 2 yard dumpster, to be used for recycling only. Information regarding the recycling will be publicized by the City.

Dave Raithel, a candidate for the Missouri House 44th District, provided a brief introduction and summary of his personal history.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Cox closed the section at 6:39 pm.

5. 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: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

- 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

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1250, for a total of \$359,083.53. 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: 2.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion involving purchasing a Fire Truck

(MOTION)

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported that Fire Chief Denny Rusch has been seeking a used fire truck to purchase. \$165,000 had been budgeted for this purchase. Used trucks typically sell very quickly, thus the fire department requested pre-approval from the Board. Alderman Hudson made a motion to pre-approve the Mayor to purchase a used fire truck, up to a limit of \$165,000. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

8. Use Tax Discussion

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain advised that the City will be seeking Board approval to place the Use Tax on the April 2, 2024 election ballot. The park department has requested that the Use Tax revenue be disbursed in the same manner as the regular sales tax revenue, which could allow the parks to

receive around 20%. Further discussion will be held at upcoming Board meetings, to determine how the funds would be appropriated.

NEW BUSINESS

9. MAYOR

a. Appointments - Appoint Steven Kennemore as Part Time Police Officer

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint Steven Kennemore as a Part-Time Police Officer. 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: 2.

b. Appointments - Appoint Braeden Russell as Volunteer Fire Fighter

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd made a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint Braeden Russell as a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously.

Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Monthly Report

11. CITY ATTORNEY

12. CITY CLERK

Minutes:

City Clerk Dick reported that a public hearing regarding the proposed roundabout has been scheduled with MODOT personnel, to be held January 18, 2024 from 4-6 pm at Centralia City Hall council chambers.

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. Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. However, any minutes, vote or public record approving a contract relating to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body shall be made public upon execution of the lease, purchase or sale of the real estate;
9. Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups;

13. 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 (2) Leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration; therefore, and 3. As provided for under Section 610.021(9) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups. 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, Magley, Deckerd, and Rodgers. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins and Cox. The meeting went into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

During closed session, only legal, real estate, and negotiations preparations were discussed, and no votes were taken. Alderman Rodgers made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Alderman voting FOR: Hudson, Deckerd, Rodgers, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Cox and Wilkins. The meeting returned to open session at 8:29 pm.

15. AS MAY ARISE**Minutes:**

Alderman Hudson made a motion to hold a Special Board of Alderman meeting on December 27, 2023, at 6:30pm, for the purpose of holding a closed session. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 0.

16. ADJOURN**Minutes:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Hudson made a 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 8:31 pm.