



Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2025 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 Jessica Orsini, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, and Landon Magley answered roll call. Aldermen David Wilkins and Don Rodgers were absent. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, Police Chief Harlan Hatton. Citizens present: James Smith with Centralia Fireside Guard, and Linda 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 6:31 pm. Linda Bormann requested that the minutes from the December 16 meeting be corrected to reflect that she had only suggested the city crews do stump grinding, and not tree cutting. The words "continue to cut trees and" will be removed from the December 16 minutes. Bormann also questioned the city hall staff overtime for the prior year; the report in the agenda packet showed 27 hours of overtime. Bormann opined that this equated to an excessive amount of overtime wages, and suggested staff use comp time off instead of overtime. Several Board members replied that 27 hours of annual overtime is not an unreasonable amount. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Cox closed the Comments from Citizens section at 6:35pm.

5. 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 amended, with minutes from

December 16, 2024 meeting be amended to remove the words "continue to cut trees." Alderman Orsini 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. Activity Reports**

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250

Minutes:

Alderman Orsini made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1250, for a total of \$559,724.23. 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.

ACTION AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7. MAYOR

- a. Appointments - Appoint Aaron Kroeger & Corbin Towne to the Centralia Fire Department**

Minutes:

Alderman Orsini made a motion to approve the Mayoral appointments of Aaron Kroeger and Corbin Towne to the Centralia Fire Department. 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.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported that the grant for the fire department has been extended, and SCBA's for the department have been ordered. The recently purchased fire truck has been repaired, and is currently in Jefferson City being repainted. Strain is researching additional grant opportunities thru FireHouse Grants and MPUA. Mayor Cox requested Administrator Strain contact Regional Planning Commission to discuss the city's upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

- a. Monthly Report**

9. CITY ATTORNEY

Minutes:

City Attorney Mayfield reported that 3 ARPA contracts were recently finalized. One requirement of the contracts was that the form used must be the contract wording used by Boone County. The

park's pickleball paving contract awardee refused to use this contract form; therefore, the park is currently trying to determine how the awarded ARPA funds can be used in another capacity. Mayfield advised that she has drafted an ordinance to present to Planning and Zoning Commission, to replace two Alderman committee members with voting citizen members. Also, City Clerk Dick recently received a request from a business owner wanting to open an adult day care in the city's central business district. Mayfield researched the city 's ordinances, and determined that adult day care business is not addressed, and suggested the Board discuss if this business type should be added to the zoning descriptions. In addition, the legislature has begun discussions on clarifying low impact home based businesses.

10. CITY CLERK

Minutes:

City Clerk Marilyn Dick reminded the Board that annual filings for the Missouri Ethics Commission Personal Financial Disclosures are due soon. In addition, due to the President's Day holiday falling on February 17, the February Board meeting will be held on February 18.

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:

9. Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups.

11. 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: 9. 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 Orsini. The motion passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Orsini, Hudson, Deckerd, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The meeting went into closed session at 6:54 pm.

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

During closed session, only employee groups and negotiation matters were discussed, and no vote was taken. Alderman Deckerd made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Aldermen voting FOR: Orsini, Hudson, Deckerd, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The meeting returned to open session at 7:10pm.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

13. AS MAY ARISE

Minutes:

Alderman Magley questioned if the city's codes addressed citizens sleeping in their cars. Attorney Mayfield replied that it is not allowed on city property, and if it is a long term situation there could be an issue with the vehicle being improperly used as a residence. Mayfield said police and social services should monitor the situation.

14. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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