

**CITY OF CENTER  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Aldermen Jason Brown, Cristy Browning and Aaron Jackson, City Clerk & Collector Tracey Ray, City Attorney Joe Brannon, Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., Jason, Susan and Marli Liter, Carli Williams, Mary Jackson, Tom Bramblett, Mary Howald and Shannon Miller. Alderman Shawn Couch was absent. Mary Jackson asked to address the council about Ralls Technologies internet and Tom Bramblett asked to address the council about sewer use fees.

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to approve the October minutes and financial statements. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**AGENDA:**

1. Mary Jackson with Ralls Technologies question
2. Tom Bramblett with sewer use fee question
3. Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. regarding Liter annexation project
4. Storage for jetter
5. Gravel for fill at rear of City Hall building
6. Contract addendum
7. Certified Wastewater Operator position
8. Ordinance #233 "An Ordinance Establishing Fees and Regulations for Sewer Usage"
9. New Code Book
10. POS terminal fees'
11. Sunshine Law complaint
12. Park winterized
13. Old Lion's Club building

1. Center resident Mary Jackson asked the council if there were any updates on Ralls Technologies installing broadband internet access in Center. The council advised that the last word from Ralls Technologies was that Center would be receiving their services but it would be after they were finished in Perry.
2. Center resident Tom Bramblett asked the council when the sewer use fees were going to be reduced. The council advised that they hoped to have the new rates in place by the first of the year.
3. Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. was present to answer questions and provide information about providing sewer utilities to the Liter annexation project. Pociask stated that the manholes may be too shallow to be able to gravity feed the line from Short Street and that the line would be going uphill. A couple of options would be to install a force main or for Liter to install a grinder pump. Pociask also stated that if the new line was ran in front of the project area there would likely be no easements necessary, and that if the new line was ran in back of the project area, one easement would be necessary. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to hire Four Points Land Surveying

- & Engineering, Inc. to engineer the sewer extension to the Litter property at a flat rate of \$2,500.00. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to have David Roberts construct an approximately 10' x 30' area using OSB board in the City Shed to house the jetter. It needs to be insulated with 24" centers. Motion includes the cost necessary to purchase the materials needed for this project, as well as a heater for the area, and Roberts will be paid at his regular hourly rate as a City of Center employee. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0. It was also noted that the City Shed needs to be cleaned up and organized.
  5. More gravel is needed for the area behind City Hall where the a/c unit is located. The area under the building keeps settling, causing the pad that the a/c unit to tilt. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to have Stuart Trucking bring a bucket load of gravel to the City Hall parking lot, for David Roberts to place in the settled area. Alderman Aaron Jackson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
  6. Alderman Aaron Jackson made a motion to have Mayor McMillen sign the contract addendum with A Civil Group, extending the completion date of the contract for completion of a flow study and amending the facility plan to March 29, 2019. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
  7. Alderman Aaron Jackson made a motion to hire Dave Sanders as a certified wastewater operator at a rate of \$600.00 per month. Sanders will to replace Darren Berry who is giving up those duties at the end of December, 2018. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
  8. No action was taken on this matter. The council made changes to the ordinance as drafted and City Attorney Joe Brannon will make the changes and the ordinance will be presented again at the December council meeting. The council also asked Tracey to send Joe a list of all residents who are more than 90 days past due on wastewater utilities.
  9. No action was taken on this matter.
  10. The point of sale terminal at City Hall is active. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to charge a 3% fee on all credit and debit transactions, to cover the cost of fees charged to the City from the company that supplies the machine. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
  11. A letter from the Missouri Attorney General's office regarding a complaint of an improper meeting was reviewed. The AG's office found that while there was a violation, it was not done willfully and therefore no action would be taken by their office.
  12. Alderman Jason Brown will get with David Roberts to winterize the park as soon as possible.
  13. The Council discussed possible uses for the old Lion's Club building.

Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Aaron Jackson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:30 p.m.. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The next regular council meeting will be held on December 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey M. Ray  
City Clerk & Collector