

**CITY OF CENTER
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2019**

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Aldermen Jason Brown, Shawn Couch, Cristy Browning and Aaron Jackson, City Clerk & Collector Tracey Ray, Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., Tom Bramblett, Mary Howald, Rickie & Carolyn Wieberg, Keith Golian and Police Chief David Ray.

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to approve the November minutes and financial statements. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

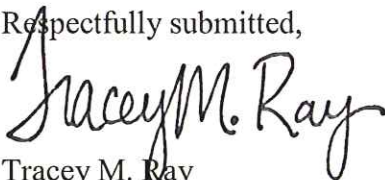
AGENDA:

1. Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. regarding Liter annexation project
 2. Ordinance #233 – “An Ordinance Establishing Fees and Regulations for Sewer Usage”
 3. New Code Book
 4. Old playground equipment
 5. Website
 6. Property & Liability insurance renewal
 7. Police Department business
 8. Dangerous building at 110 N. Public
 9. Fire Department business
 10. Personal property taxes to be written off
 11. Budget
 12. CD for sewer funds
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1. Kyle Pociask with Four Points Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc. addressed the council with more information regarding the Liter annexation project. Alderman Aaron Jackson made a motion to install a lift station and extend the sewer main along Hwy. 19, if possible. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 2. Mayor McMillen performed the first reading of Ordinance #233, “An Ordinance Establishing Fees and Regulations for Sewer Usage.” Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the first reading. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. After a second reading of the ordinance, Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 3. No action was taken on this matter.
 4. Alderman Jason Brown informed the council that Mike & Tracy Daniel’s bid had been accepted for the wooden climber that was removed from the park last year. He will make arrangements to get it delivered to them.
 5. Alderman Cristy Browning said that she would like to see the financial information for the City put on the City’s website as soon as possible.
 6. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to accept the renewal pricing from Hawkins Insurance for the property and liability policy. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to purchase a new taser for the Police Department. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The new taser costs \$1662.00 and is necessary because the old taser is broken and not able to be repaired, per a letter from the company, due to its age.
8. The partially collapsed building at 110 N. Public Street was discussed. The Post Office has expressed concern for the safety of their employees several times, due to a wall that has partially collapsed. The council directed that a letter be sent to the property owner.
9. Fire Department issues and finances were discussed. Alderman Aaron Jackson made a motion to pay 1/3 of the monies owed to Center Rural Fire Department for recent Fire Department purchases out of the Fire Fund, and to pay the remaining 2/3 out of the General Fund. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
10. The City Clerk presented the council with personal property tax statements to be written off due to deaths, people who no longer reside in Center, etc. The council would like to speak to City Attorney Joe Brannon regarding other possible ways of collection before writing them off, so no action was taken on this matter.
11. Alderman Jason Brown made a motion to approve the 2019 budget. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
12. The council discussed putting a portion of the Sewer Fund balance into a CD. They will discuss rates at the February council meeting.

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Jason Brown seconded. Motion passed 3-1, with Alderman Aaron Jackson casting a nay vote. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Alderman Aaron Jackson seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The next regular council meeting will be held on February 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracey M. Ray
City Clerk & Collector