

# City of Center

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

### February 5, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderman Cristy Browning, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Attorney Joe Brannon, and Acting City Clerk Jeanne Franke. Alderman Shawn Couch was unable to attend. There were several residents in attendance.

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. The agenda was reviewed and a few items were added to the agenda. No one signed the public forum sheet.

**Approval of January 8, 2020 minutes:** – Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve January 8, 2020 minutes. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **Old Business:**

**Ralls County School District Bond Issue:** Superintendent Tara Lewis presented a through break-down of the benefits of approving the 2 questions on the April ballot. What – “No tax increase bond issue and operating levy \$0.20 increase on the April 7, 2020 ballot. And Why – “Mark Twain High School was constructed in 1959 and Mark Twain Junior High was constructed in 1970. Health and safety regulations as well as security needs have changed over the past 60 years.” She passed out a comprehensive brochure on the benefits of the long-range planning, funding breakdown, project funding, and showing how it impacts your taxes. This is an important issue for our children and community.

**New ordinance for Sewer Project Bond:** Joey McLiney from McLiney and Co. presented the revised Sewer bond for the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised Sewer bond for the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the second reading of the revised Sewer bond for the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Carbon Monoxide testers needed for Center Fire Department:** Brian Boleach requested the City of Center to share half the cost with Center Rural Fire Department of new 3 Carbon Monoxide testers for a total of \$1,385.00 total cost. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the City to pay half the cost of \$1,385.00 for 3 Carbon Monoxide testers for the Center Fire Department. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Ordinance #236 Compensation for Councilmen and Mayor:** Attorney Joe Brannon presented the ordinance for compensation for councilmen and mayor. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading for annual compensation to the Mayor for \$350.00 and annual compensation to each Aldermen for \$240.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for annual compensation to the Mayor for \$350.00 and annual compensation to each Aldermen for \$240.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Police Truck passenger door outside mirror broken:** After discussion of broken mirror on police truck, it was decided to get 2 bids from local shops, Lake’s Automotive, and The Repair Shop.

It was recommended to have the Community Service guy pick up tree limbs and other debris on City property and hauled off to a dump site.

**New Business:**

**Naming a street for Vietnam Veteran:** John K. Palmer requested naming an unnamed short street behind Veterans Park as Charles Inlow Lane. PFC Charles Inlow had been a Center resident and was killed in action in Vietnam on February 2, 1969. There are no houses so no addresses would have to be changed. If this is approved, perhaps a ceremony could be held on Memorial Day. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to name the short street behind Veterans Park as Charles Inlow Lane in honor of PFC Charles Inlow. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0. And furthermore, to plan a Memorial Day celebration.

**Center Old Depot Repairs:** The old depot needs a new roof and other attention to maintain it as an old Center historical landmark. It was suggested to organize volunteers to address the repairs.

**Rent 2 Center open sheds on west Hwy 19:** Ricky Wieberg would like to rent the 2 open sheds. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to rent the Center open sheds for \$100.00 each per month on a month to month rental agreement. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Sewer Camera:** Tom Bramblett has researched purchasing a Sewer Camera with Locator. He has found a good package system with many features for about \$4,800. This would help Center to be able to locate a sewer problem, where it is, and the cause of problem to make the applicable repairs in a more efficient manner. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to purchase a new Sewer Camera w/Locator spending up to \$6,000. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to pay the February bills including the Firemen Accident policy that was not on the original Bills to Pay list. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Next Council meeting will be March 4, 2020 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Franke  
Acting City Clerk