

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 3, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting with COVID-19 social distancing protocols. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderman Cristy Browning, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Alderman Shawn Couch, Attorney Joe Brannon, and Acting City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

Mayor Dennis McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to certify the June 2nd election results. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Joe Brannon swore in all elected officials as well as our new police chief:

Police Chief – William Martin
Mayor – Dennis McMillen
Alderman Ward I – Shawn Couch
Alderman Ward II – Cristy Browning

Mayor Dennis McMillen called the new meeting to order with a new roll call was taken with Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderman Shawn Couch, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderman Cristy Browning and Alderman Tom Bramblett. There were no public speakers.

Approval of May 13, 2020 minutes: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the May 13, 2020 minutes. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Roof Repairs: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the roofing upgrade to City Hall and Garage and Town Hall for \$6,400.00 that would extend our warranty by an additional 10 years – 2007 original roof. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Mowers and older equipment: Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to sell old mowers and equipment as is by bids and to advertise on City of Center facebook page. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

New additional de-humidifier for Town Hall: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to purchase a new de-humidifier for Town Hall as the older has completely quit and not repairable. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

House Bill H1854: Provisions relating to small town political subdivisions as we are classed by the State were included in each alderman's packet. After discussion the council decided we should request the State of Missouri to forgive our fines based on this bill even though the passage won't be until August or later this year.

Additional software for City accounting: Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to pay \$500 for an additional Quick Books license so that 2 people could enter data at the same time on 2 different computers. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New City Official Appointments: Mayor Dennis McMillen proposed the following appointments for 2020-2021:

Mayor Pro-Tem and Fire Commissioner - Alderman Steven Reynolds

Street Commissioner - Alderman Shawn Couch

Police Commissioner - Alderman Cristy Browning

Sewer/Wastewater Commissioner - Alderman Tom Bramblett

City Attorney - Joe Brannon

Fire Chief - Brian Boleach

Police Chief - Bill Martin

City Clerk & Collector - Jeanne Franke

Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to pay the June 2020 bills. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Informational Items:

The funds escrowed on Ray's house have deposited to The City of Center marked as Ray's restitution funds for \$99,054.37.

Mayor McMillen attended a meeting with Ralls County Commissioners and turned to the paperwork for the radio's that the Fire Department has requested. The radios may be covered under the CARES Act funding. Mayor McMillen also discussed the CARES Act covering the internet with Ralls Tech and the other commissioners.

Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel real estate issues. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Next Council meeting will be July 1, 2020 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Franke
City Clerk