

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

April 7, 2021 - 6pm

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderman Shawn Couch, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderwoman Cristy Browning, Attorney Joe Brannon and City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

Mayor Dennis McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken.

Approval of March Minutes and Agenda and Paying April bills: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the March minutes, March agenda and paying April bills. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Certify April 6, 2021 Elections: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to certify the April 6, 2021 elections for City of Center. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Attorney Joe Brannon gave the Oath of Office to Alderman Tom Bramblett, Ward II and Alderman Steven Reynolds, Ward I, whom each ran unopposed.

Zoning Board add Sharon Lake: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve Mayor Dennis McMillen appointing Sharon Lake to the Planning and Zoning Board. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum: No one signed to speak

OLD BUSINESS:

Update Ralls Tech Internet: Ralls Tech Internet has been installed at City Hall for Beta testing. So far it seems fine. I don't notice much difference.

Update - Old School Ball Field: Concession doors need replaced and have been ordered by Center Ball Assoc. jf

Lift Station Pump: New pump was installed 3/4/21. Old pump repairs estimate \$500.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the repairs to the old pump for \$500.00. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

New Refrigerator for Park: Park Board President Kaylyn Evans requested the City to contribute to a new stand-up commercial refrigerator greatly needed for successful events at the park. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion for the City to contribute half (\$886.50) of the total cost \$1,773.00. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

CO-ED Softball Tournament: Park Board President Kaylyn Evans requested to use the Old School Ball Field on Saturday, June 26th for a Softball Tournament followed with Fireworks. She already has sponsors committed and the Park General Liability Insurance will cover the event at the ball field. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the Softball Tournament at the Ball Field with fireworks. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Park Building Floors: Park Board President also stated the concrete floors at the Park Building are impossible to keep clean and look disgusting. She is looking into covering them with epoxy approximately \$1200.00 for materials and they would provide the labor. She would like to be called to inspect the Park Building after rentals from now on since sometimes renters leave it in poor condition. It was decided to collect a deposit for all city rentals to help insure all properties are cleaned up in good condition after all events at Park and Town Hall.

Procedure on Sewer Dig-ups and Unsightly Properties: After Council discussion, it was decided to take property owners with vacant homes to court for past due sewer amounts plus court cost. It was also decided to send Certified letters to occupied homeowners with 90-day notice or their sewer line will be capped. Furthermore, Attorney Joe Brannon suggested Police Chief Bill Martin should issue warning letters followed by a citation charge for unsightly properties that violated Center's Ordinance.

Maintenance Report: Shane Niffen stated he and Curt continue to have blockages due to baby wipes and other material that doesn't break-down. A notice will be put on the May 1st invoices.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jetter Swivel Joint and New Warhog cleaning Blades: Alderman Steve Reynolds made a motion to approve Jetter swivel Joint for cost of \$442.00 and warhog type Jetter cleaning blades for \$272.29. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Also need to check out 300' cable.

Park Outside Door: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve Yale heavy duty door closer for \$114.99 for the bathroom door at Park. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Police Ammunition / Drug Task Force MDU: Alderwoman Cristy Browning approved ammunition \$122.00 for Police Certification. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Police Chief Bill Martin presented a program from Drug Task Force. Council all agreed to table until next meeting after seeing the actual agreement.

City Clerk Assistant Pay Raise: After Council discussion, Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to increase pay from \$10.50/hr to \$12.00/hr and with up to 25 hours per week for City Clerk Assistant, Lori Meranda. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Yellow Road Paint: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to purchase 3-Gallons of Yellow Street Paint. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Park Building Overhead Lights: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to replace 3 overhead lights at Park Building. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Kirtlink Damage to Bathroom: Received call from Mary Beth Kirtlink, quite upset about damage to her bathroom after Maintenance ran the jetter on sewer line close to her house. She stated the toilet lid blew off, area rugs and toilet cover and other debris had to be thrown out. Maintenance stated they did Not run with full power and there were no other calls.

Police Chief Bill Martin received a signed printed letter from David A Ray returning 2 items (Streamlight Gun Mount Weapon Light w/factory tool kit and Safariland SLS Model 683 Right Hand Holster for Guns w/M3 Light, duty used) on Center's Police Inventory list that belong to the City. This will conclude any business with The City of Center per David's letter. David also asked if he could have back his treadmill that was left here. The council said "No" in total agreement.

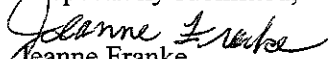
Informational Items:

PARK DAYS - AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH

Next Council meeting will be May 5, 2021 at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Franke
City Clerk