

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

August 5, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderwoman Cristy Browning, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Alderman Shawn Couch, and City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

Mayor Dennis McMillen called the meeting to order and attendance was taken. The Public Forum listed Matt Kelch from the Park Board and Dayne Love from Dayne's Hauling.

Approval of July 1, 2020 Minutes: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 minutes and to approve the August bills. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum:

Matt Kelch – Park Board: Matt advised the council the wiring at the Park Pavilion is in bad shape and the lights at the court don't work at all. The Park Board has been providing the lights for night time events for the last 2 years. He provided several pictures of the faulty wiring. Also there has been items stolen and other damage. The Park Board has put a lot of money into the park equipment and a small security system that just doesn't cover enough area and doesn't cover the pavilion. The Park Board is requesting \$250.00 for an upgraded security system with 8 cameras. The council requested the Park Board to provide quotes for the wiring system. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to pay \$250.00 for a new security system at the park. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Dayne Love – Dayne's Disposal: Dayne stated his contract with the city runs through October 31, 2021 and asked if the City was going to break the contract and would they likely be renewing the contract next year. He stated he wants to keep the residents happy. The council responded it was too late to break the contract this year and no comment on renewing the contract next year.

Old Business:

Ordinance Weight Limits Specific Streets/Bridges: Council would like to set 12,000/lb limit on Keithly, Mason and Osterhout Streets to protect the bridges and streets from future damage. Recently there have been several 18-Wheeler trucks sited on these streets being wrongfully directed by their GPS. Chief Bill Martin has spoken to the Swift Safety Programmer. Swift has changed their internal GPS so their trucks will no longer use city streets.

Town Hall Upgrades: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to award the bid for Town Hall upgrade to Shane Niffen for \$1,325.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2-Tree Bids Mason Park & Alley Behind Post Office: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve option #1 to remove 2 dead trees at Park and 5 trees at alley behind Post Office including all clean-up. Look at option #2 next spring. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Depot Repairs Update: Mayor McMillen advised he had spoke with Sharon Lake in regards to the work required on Shortline Depot. Sharon has raised about \$5,000 with fundraising so far. There is more damage than initially projected. Additional fundraising is planned. Additional bids are welcome.

New Business:

Ralls Tech Internet Progress: Ralls Tech is working on a cost assessment to install the new internet service within the city limits. The city has sent out questionnaire with the last sewer bill and on our face book page. Lori Meranda is putting together a city map showing residents that do want Ralls Internet.

Wastewater System Project: Information from Will at A Civil Group, our sewer project engineers, has sent a map showing property choices. A meeting is being set up with one of the property owners to discuss in detail.

New Police Badge Request: After discussion by the council it was decided it was not necessary to purchase a new badge at this time.

City Truck Damage: Pictures of damage to city truck passenger rear panel with long swipe markings were shown to council. Council all agreed that repairs aren't necessary as no operational damage.

Vehicle Stickers 2021: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve new vehicle stickers, \$335 for 400 stickers. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion 4-0.

Pump at Lift Station – New or Rebuilt: Lift Station bad pump estimate for rebuilt = \$7,310.96; New Flygt Pump = \$13,632.50. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to purchase the new pump. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Garage East & North Walls Tuck-Pointing Repairs: During last rain storm, water was coming into garage from east & north walls. Grossman Masonry has been out and will send a bid.

Adding Machine for City Hall: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to order new adding machine with tape for City Hall at a limit of \$100.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Informational Items:

August 13, 2020 at 6:00pm (next Thursday), Public Hearing For:
Couch property zoned from Residential to Commercial.
Tax Rate Hearing – 2020 Property Tax Rates.

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

Next Council meeting will be September 2, 2020 at 6pm.

August 13, 2020, 6:00pm – Public Hearing

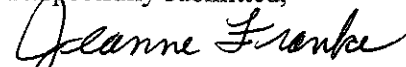
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Couch Property: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve zoning Shawn & Stephanie Couch property, 308 S Smith St, to Commercial. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Tax Rate: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the 2020 proposed tax rates, General - .8034; Fire - .1867. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Franke
City Clerk