

City of Center  
Minutes of the Council Meeting  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 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 Steven Reynolds, Alderman Cristy Browning, Alderman Tom Bramblett (arrived late), Attorney Joe Brannon, and Lori Meranda. There were three residents that attended.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Dennis asked if anything need to be added to the agenda. Cristy said, Yes, she would like to add about City Halls hours and clean machine. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve agenda and add City Hall. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0

**Approval of Bills to be paid:** Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0

**Public Forum:**

A letter from Hazel Askey for Margaret Wise was presented. The letter was asking if the available fee for Margaret Wise house and be waived. Water was shut off. Council talked about it and no action was made. Available fee is for everyone.

**Old Business:**

**Steve with C & C Pumps:** Steve was supposed to come and talk. No show. Table to next meeting, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Pole Saw:** Several bids were shown. Farm & Home, Lowes, and Selby. The model was Stihl HT 131. It was passed to buy from Selby for \$600.00. Motion made: Alderman Cristy Browning  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Shawn Couch Passed 4-0

**City Clerk Bond:** Two quotes were presented. GDC and Hawkins. Hawkins was approved for \$50,000 City Clerk Bond at \$142.00 yearly. Motion made: Alderman Tom Bramblett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Steven Reynolds Passed 4-0

**New Ordinance:** AMEREN – Contract Renewal Electric/Gas & Street Lights  
Attorney Joe Brannon read all the readings.

Reading 1: Motion made: Alderman Cristy Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Steven Reynolds Passed: 4-0  
Reading 2: Motion made: Alderman Steven Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Tom Bramblett Passed: 4-0  
Reading 3: Motion made: Alderman Shawn Couch 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Steven Reynolds Passed: 4-0  
Reading 4: Motion made: Alderman Cristy Browning 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Tom Bramblett Passed: 4-0

**New Business:**

**MOPERM:** City Insurance renewal. Total \$7,085.00 Motion made: Alderman Tom Bramblett  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Cristy Browning Passed: 4-0 (last year \$6,777.00) \$308.00 different

**Maintenance Report:** Shawn Niffen was there. He reported there has been NO sewer calls. The city truck was in the shop at The Repair Shop. No brakes and lights out. Cody repaired everything. Shawn and Curt Hummel have been busy putting up Christmas lights. Park looks great! Street signs have come in and they been installed. Dayne was emailed, letting them know that they need to reroute their trash trucks.

**Police Spotlight:** Police Officer Bill Martin had a bid for LED Hand-Held Spotlight.  
1800 Lumens priced at 338.95 500 Lumens priced at 274.95. Council talked about and was not happy about the prices. They asked for Bill to get couple more bids.

**O'Brien's Clean-out:** O'Brien does not clean out rock and debris in sewer. Mayor Dennis McMillen said that C&C Pumps could do it. When Steve comes next meeting, we will bring it up.

**City Hall:** Jeanne got Covid. Office was closed until the office can be cleaned with the computer and paper. Alderman Cristy Browning said there is air purification that will clean. Motion made: Alderman Tom Bramblett 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alderman Cristy Browning Passed: 4-0 Alderman Cristy Browning will be paying one. Should be in Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.

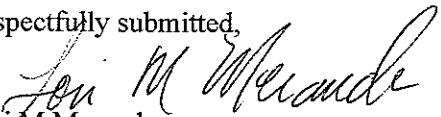
**Information Items:**

**Reminder:** All taxes are being paid at Ralls County Collector. Prior years will still be collected at City Hall.

**DNR:** Need to apply in March 2021.

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The next regular council meeting will be January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori M Meranda  
Associate Clerk