

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 3, 2021

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, February 3, 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, Attorney Joe Brannon and City Clerk Jeanne Franke. Alderwoman Cristy Browning was absent with Covid-19.

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

Approval of January Minutes and Agenda and Paying February bills: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the January minutes, February agenda and paying February bills. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Forum:

Shawn Couch stated the tin-horn at Mason & Hwy 19 has collapsed and has a hole in it. Need to call MO-DOT.

Old Business:

Unpaid Late Sewer Bills: Discussion on how to handle late sewer bills that have already been sent certified letters several months ago. Do we have to send another certified letter? Or just cap if not paid for 90 days. Attorney Joe Brannon will go over ordinance and advise us with proper procedure.

Spotlight for Police: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the 100W 10000LM LED Handheld Portable Spotlight from Amazon for approximately for \$75.00. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

C&C New Pump: After discussion of the new pump on order, the council unanimously agreed to have the new pump installed and use the one pulled out as back-up since the new pump has a warranty that starts with the delivery date.

Snow Removal: With only one bid submitted, Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to have COOP Service & Supply provide snow removal for Center. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lemon Law Firm: James Lemon sent his exit letter regarding: City of Center v. Tracey Ray, etal. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to submit final payment to Lemon Law Firm as co-counsel on the Ray case. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report: Shane Niffen advised that he and Curt Hummel have set up a monthly plan and have been inspecting all manholes to make sure they are clear and currently have 3 trouble spots they are watching closely. Shane has created 3 forms for them to fill out monthly to show dates, location, repairs, and remarks. They also watch for any street signs that need repaired or replaced. See examples.

New Business:

Girl Scouts Request Sell Cookies: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the Girl Scouts to sell cookies at the 4-way during February. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded Motion passed 3-0.

Fire Dept Insurance Renewal with GDS (Neal Minor): Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the Fire Dept Automobile and Liability Insurance Renewal for \$4,209.00. Alderman Shawn

Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0. As already approved, the city will pay for one complete set of fire gear since the Center Rural Fire already paid for one set.

Petition to Judge: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion for Attorney Brannon to petition the Judge to enter the 2 unopposed aldermen's name on ballot for the April 6th election. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Also, check to see if unopposed aldermen are required to be on ballot?

City Shed Stairs: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve request for \$225.00 to pay for stair-case to be built at city shed Jetter bay to create over-head storage area. Shane and Curt will provide all labor. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion Passed 3-0.

Informational Items:

*David Essig is converting old Clean Ox building to a distillery. David was co-owner of Clean Ox.

*Zoning Board going to meet the first of each month to go over all current zoning ordinances and make advisements.

*Suggest police write ticket for nuisance or something relevant to issue; Run-down properties - Neighbors having a fit about trailer and condition of property on Short street since owner moved to IL.

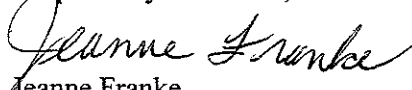
*Put on Facebook that mulch available to Center residents. Also, big Thank-You to KJ's Premier Tree Service for providing the chipper for couple weeks with No charge!

*Ralls County Commissioners hosting Economic Development meeting on Wed., February 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at New London Lion's Club. Let Jeanne know if attending.

Next Council meeting will be April 7, 2021 at 6pm.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Franke
City Clerk