

MINUTES

City of Center

02/09/2022 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor, Dennis McMillen called the City Council meeting to order on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor, Dennis McMillen
Alderman, Steven Reynolds
Alderman, Tom Bramblett
Alderwoman, Cristy Browning
Alderman, Shawn Couch
Attorney, Joe Brannon
City Clerk, Crystal Kelch
City Clerk Assistant, Jeanne Franke

Approval of Minutes, Agenda and Monthly Bills

Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the January 12, 2022, City Council Meeting Minutes, February 2022 Agenda, and February Bills. Alderman, Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum

Maintenance Report

Shane Niffen presented the February Maintenance Report. Shane received bids for sewer jetter tires from Lakes Automotive and The Repair Shop. Alderman, Tom Bramblett made a motion to purchase tires from The Repair Shop for \$108.00 each for a total of \$432.00. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Shane Niffen also presented pricing for the trailer jack and air tank as requested. Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to purchase the air tank and jack presented.

Council advised Shane Niffen to have the break line repaired while the truck in the shop.

Old Business

Wastewater Project: Council received bids from Bartlett and West and 4 Points Land and Surveying for the wastewater project. Council decided to table the discussion to call some references and to give council more time to decide.

Employee Vacation: Crystal Kelch informed the board after Attorney, Joe Brannon reviewed Chapter 135 Personnel, it was concluded that all employees of the City shall receive holiday, vacation, and sick hours. Jacob Wesbecher is the only exception due to him being hired with no vacation, sick or holiday pay.

Wastewater Rates: A public hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. prior to the meeting for citizens to voice their opinion regarding the wastewater rate increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00 for the first 2500 gallons. The rate increase was recommended by Department of Natural Resources. It will keep the City in compliance and eligible for grants to fund the Wastewater Improvements scheduled to start Fall 2022.

Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance amending ordinance 233 - Establishing Wastewater Fees of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderman, Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending ordinance 233 - Establishing Wastewater Fees of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderman, Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Planning and Zoning: Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance amending section 500.020 - Building Permit of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderman, Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending section 500.020 - Building Permit of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance enacting section 405.021 - Addition of the definition "Shouse" to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance enacting section 405.021 - Addition of the definition "Shouse" to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Center, Missouri. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Mark Twain Solid Waste Grant: The City of Center has been awarded the Mark Twain Solid Waste Grant for recycled plastic benches and planters to be placed on Public Street and at Mason Park. The total amount awarded was \$8,290.30. The City of Center will be responsible for \$921.14.

Financial Audit: The City is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional audit services to the City of Center, Missouri for the period ending December 31, 2021, and annually through 2025. Proposals will be opened and read aloud at the council meeting next month.

New Business

Snow Removal: The City will re-evaluate snow removal fall of 2022.

MPUA Questionnaire: Council members completed a questionnaire for voting members of the governing body for Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

MOCCFOA New City Clerk Conference – Columbia, MO: Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion for the city to pay hotel and conference expenses for Crystal Kelch to attend the City Clerk Conference held in March 2022. Alderman, Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Past Due Wastewater Accounts: Council reviewed past due wastewater accounts. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion to take legal action on 2 resident accounts. Alderman, Steven seconded. Motion passed 4/0. Attorney, Joe Brannon will draw up the paperwork.

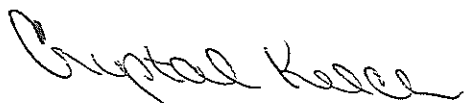
Bank Account: Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion to close the City of Center checking account due to a box of checks being lost in the mail and open a new checking account for City of Center with 2 signatures required. Account Signers shall be Mayor, Dennis McMillen, Alderman, Tom Bramblett, City Clerk, Crystal Kelch and Deputy Clerk, Jeanne Franke. The Mayor or Alderman must be 1 of 2 signature on all checks. Alderman, Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Adjourn

Next Meeting will be held March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Alderman, Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Crystal Kelch

City Clerk