

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

July 1st, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, July 1st, 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, Attorney Joe Brannon, and Lori Meranda. There was a full house with several residents in attendance. Mary Jackson signed the public forum sheet.

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 get reimburse for the time clock. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve agenda and reimbursing Cristy. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Public Forum:

Mary Jackson requested an update on Ralls Tech. and on the Audit. Cristy talked about the **Audit**. She stated that Matt (the original auditor, got a promotion), He handed it over to his supervisor, Todd Schuler, who is doing additional checking. Cristy said she is hoping by end of July we should know something. Still waiting. **Ralls Tech:** Dennis said that Riley Hibbert came and talked to him and said they approved the Center internet project. However, the State stated we have to offer the same project criteria to AT&T. There will be a lady contacting Dennis about this. Same speed as Ralls Tech.

Dwayne Love handed out some papers and pictures of Center Locker dumpster, email, and weight issues. He is complaining about the Locker putting animal waste in his dumpster and he was losing money for several months. After long discussion as to merits of contract it was tabled until next council meeting, August 5th.

Park Board-President, Kaylyn Evans said Park Days will be July 24th and 25th. Car show will be at the park this year. Health Department gave them a lot of restrictions for kid's games. Road closed will be from Hwy 19, South Main St to E Hawkins St. - Hawkins between S. Main St and S. Center St. - South Center St not having driveway (pass Carroll's house and before Hughes's house). Kaylyn stated in addition to the Park Board serving Fish Dinner Saturday night, there will be a food truck serving BBQ on Friday evening. The Council said he will need a permit. Kaylyn also asked the council for a letter giving permission to Center Park Board committee to obtain a picnic license for intoxicating liquor at the Annual Center Park Days. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion for the letter and closing of streets. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Sealed Bids: Mayor McMillen opened 4 sealed bids for City equipment. Kubota riding mower and push trimmer were the only bids received. Alderman Steven Reynold made a motion to except the bids. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Travis Langerud won the Kubota for a bid of \$360.00. Push trimmer was won by Larry Kirtlink for \$41.00. Other two items are still left. Push mower and electric trimmer.

Town Hall Upgrade: Two bids were presented. Shane Niffen and Lynn's Home Repair. There was some confusion over the bids on adding a new sink. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to get the type of sink first and rebid for both bidders. Table for next meeting.

New Business:

Fire Hoses: Alderman Cristy Browning talked for Brian Boleach Fire Department needs new fire hoses. Ones in City Shed are too big. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to pay for half of the new fire hoses. Our cost \$575.00. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Signs for Semi-trucks: Dennis asked Officer Bill Martin to talk to DOT and see what can be done. Also, Joe Brannon is drafting an ordinance for weight limit on bridges and side streets. Until ordinance is enacted signs are put up, there is nothing much Officer Bill Martin can do. Table for August 5, 2020.

Sewer Lift Station: Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to pay for a new Dissolved Oxygen Meter for testing at Lift Station. Cost is \$905.00. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Trees need cut down @ Park & Alley for Post Office: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to get 2 bids. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Also need to add gravel on alley way for post office. Daryl Gaw said he would put the gravel down. Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to add gravel. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Jetter: Alderman Tom Bramblett said Jetter's new part was put on by Cody (The Repair Shop).

July 4th Extension: Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to extent fireworks for July 3rd & 4th to midnight and July 5th stop at 10:00 pm on Sunday. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Pay Bills: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to pay the JULY bills. Alderman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Police Report: Chief Bill Martin presented his monthly report and answered questions.

Other issues discussed:

Mowing Job: Lori Meranda stopped mowing June 22, 2020. Curt Hummel does not want the mowing job. Need to hire new person. Two application were presented for mowing. Jacob Anderson and Shane Niffen. Alderman Cristy Browning made a motion to offer the position to Shane Niffen at \$12.00/Hr. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Center Apartments: Julie Chung called and said she would like to donate the apartment property to Center or a Nonprofit Organization. After discussion, the council decided to pass on the offer.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Alderman Shawn Couch seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The next regular council meeting will be August 5, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori M Meranda
Associate Clerk