

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

July 7, 2021 - 6pm

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, July 7, 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 Steven Reynolds, Alderwoman Cristy Browning, Alderman Tom Bramblett, and City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

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

Approval of June Minutes and Agenda and Paying July bills: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the June minutes, July agenda and paying July bills. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum: Katie Epperson received one of the "Clean-up Letters", on 204 E Hawkins, requested if she would be in compliance if she either fixes porch or puts up sign "Private Property". She would be interested in demolish program. After council discussion, it was agreed for Katie to put up sign and advise Chief Martin. Katie has tried to fix windows and they keep get broken out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Follow-up on Court Cases: Jerry Keim court case, June 22, 2021, Judgement for \$482.03 on unpaid sewer account. Hall and Kendal both paid the past due sewer amounts listed on their certified letters. Attorney Joe Brannon dismissed those 2 cases. Need new attorney for Wendell Brown past due amount of \$131.50. The council all agreed the amount didn't justify taking it to court.

Clean-Up Letters to Residents: Several residents called to voice their opinion on the letters sent out requesting more clarification on consequences of not being able to comply. Would there be a nuisance citation charge? How much and how often? It was suggested to ask other small towns how they deal with this problem. Alderwoman Cristy Browning suggested the council get together and ask for volunteers to help the residents who need and want the help. Alderwoman Cristy Browning was appointed to organize a clean -up day. Also ask Joe what to do with those who do not want to cooperate?

Maintenance Report: Shane provided his June Maintenance Report and July Objectives.

Shane stated throughout the city, there are 6 different type and sizes of manhole covers and obtaining an exact quote has been quite challenging. He has quotes from \$400-\$800. Will need to get exact size and dimensions for a estimate. Doing 100% sewer checks. Found 50 lb roots up on W Hawkins. Going to use Nitrate Sulfate as soon as it arrives. A lot of suet like substance at Sharp's Car Wash, feels like paste. Going to get sample to show them. The Car Wash needs attention.

Shane provided a list of materials and cost needed for continued work and repairs. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the Maintenance list for \$370.00. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Repair S. Public: Special Meeting on June 28th approved immediate sewer repairs (getting worse by the hour) on S. Public for \$2680.00 by Dotson and Gibbs. Shane showed pictures on big sewer repair on S Public. Shane and Curt along with the crew from Dotson did all the work.

Fire Dept Request: Pumper Truck door had to be replaced; Center Fire Dept. would like the City and Rural to split the cost of \$2,334.68. Council requested to check on deductible and table until next council meeting.

MO Distillery: What to use for base sewer charge since most of water will go into product. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to adjust sewer base to \$37.00, (same as Service&Supply situation). Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Ray Case – Victim’s Impact Statement: Attorney Joe Brannon drafted a letter from the council to Judge Rodney W. Sippel, District Court, St. Louis, MO to be read before Tracy Ray’s sentencing on August 17, 2021. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to accept Joe’s letter to the Court. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance \$Amount for Emergency Needs: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to have an ordinance to set a limit of \$3,500.00 for emergency needs without a council meeting. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bids for Thrasher Street Repairs: Need to request bids for street repairs on Thrasher Street where pavement has buckled up and not drivable. Also need to request Ameren share on repair cost since their heavy trucks use that road majority of the time.

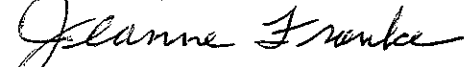
Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting and to go into closed session for a personnel issue. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Next Council meeting will be August 4, 2021 at 6pm.

Informational Items:

PARK DAYS - AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Franke
City Clerk