

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 9, 2021 - 6pm

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, June 9, 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, Attorney Joe Brannon and City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

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

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

Public Forum: Mary Howald presented a proposal for a Farmer's Market at Mason Park every Friday afternoon-evening from May through October, except for Park Days weekend. Mary stated all of her objectives and research into this plan and would need the use of the Park bathrooms. After much discussion, Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market at Mason Park on Friday afternoon - Friday evenings with the use of bathrooms for a reduced fee by half of \$25.00 per day. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mangold Wastewater Bill: Kristopher Mangold previously requested a credit on monthly wastewater rate due to a long going water leak which has now been repaired. After review of all water usage for last 2 years and the most recent ones of last 3 months, it was clear there had been a significant drop in water usage. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to adjust his monthly rate based on last 3 months usage and credit back to March 2021. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded Motion passed 4-0.

Fireworks Extension: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to extend the "fireworks permission", Ord.220, 61.010, to include Jun 26 (Ball Tournament night), July 2nd & July 3rd from 9am to 12 midnight and with no change to July 4th. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Clean-Up Charge to Residents: After a complaint to Clyde McCollum for his overgrown property, he brought in a \$100 check to cover the initial clean-up and requested if the city would continue keeping the grass cut for a appropriate fee. Shane spent 3 hours on the initial clean-up. After discussion the council decided not to be in the business of lawn care.

Delinquent Accounts: Attorney Joe Brannon stated he filed on 04/30/21 with court on Jerry Keim Trust account. He could not file on W. Brown as he has a conflict of interest. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to have Attorney Brannon file on R. Hall and K. Kendall delinquent accounts after sending 2 certified letters and broken payment plan. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0 Attorney Brannon also requested Jeanne to send him a copy of Dayne's Disposal Contract.

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

Shane Niffen stated water is coming in around all manholes. Will need to go into Bean field to treat line with special chemical. May need duck suit. Going to talk to Perry on their experience and advice. Sewer Line on Thrasher was hit by Ameren installing new pole. Also problem with Thrasher street buckling close to Ameren facility south of town. Shane also had a list of requested materials and supplies. The council requested cost of each to be reviewed at next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Repair Thrasher: Ameren hit our sewer line on Thrasher St. The city will file a claim with Ameren and request bids on repair as soon as possible.

Police Letter: Police Chief Bill Martin presented a letter and a list of 23 residents in violation of our City Code to keep your property cleaned up and your residence in good repair to avoid citations. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the letter to be sent to the listed property owners. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Manhole Covers: Upon inspection of manhole covers, it was discovered the city has many different types and sizes. At least 2 new ones are needed now. The council requested to get costs for next meeting.

Wastewater Project DNR Resolution: Resolution 21-01 Governing Body of City of Center: Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the DNR - Resolution 21-01. Alderwoman Cristy Browning Seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Repair Overhead Door for Jetter: Overhead Door was approved as it was included in the bills-to-pay.

Recurring Credit Card Payment Authorization Form was reviewed and approved by all City Council.

City Insurance Endorsement: Epidemiological Coverage for \$1000 declined by all City Council.

E-Code Book On-Line: (Desktop and Mobile) \$695 annually declined by all City Council.

Resident Addresses: All City addresses should be visible for 911, Building Inspector and all. The City Council suggested putting notice on Center's Face Book.

Ray Sentencing Letter: Attorney Joe Brannon stated Tracey Ray pled guilty to 2 counts filed by the FBI and will be sentenced in August. Joe will draft a letter for victim's statement by next meeting.


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

Alderman Shawn Couch made a motion to go into executive session for personnel issue. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Informational Items:

PARK DAYS - AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Franke
City Clerk