

City of Center

Minutes of the Council Meeting

November 4, 2020

The Center City Council met on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Center, Missouri for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were: Mayor Dennis McMillen, Alderwoman Cristy Browning, Alderman Tom Bramblett, Alderman Steven Reynolds, Attorney Joe Brannon and City Clerk Jeanne Franke.

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

Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes and Paying November bills: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes and agenda. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve paying November 2020 bills. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
Add to Agenda: 1. Transfer money back to Street Fund. 2. Spot-Light for Police Truck

Public Forum:

Caller Request: Would the council approve renting Town Hall chairs and tables? The council decided not to rent out Town Hall chairs and tables.

Fire Chief Brian Boleach, Two-requests: Requesting City Fire to go half with Rural Fire for mandate of fire trucks testing to maintain ISO Rating by Banner Fire Equipment for cost of \$1314.82. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve the City Fire to go half with Rural Fire for the fire trucks mandated testing for \$1314.82. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Second Request for City Fire to go half with Rural Fire for purchase of 2 sets of Bunker Gear for a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to table for now until City Fire builds up their funds. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Rural Fire will go ahead and purchase now.

Old Business:

Lift Station Pump: Ben Azerolo with Vandevanter Engineering Co. was here to present equipment and maintenance contract quotations to replace our Flygt Pump that went out earlier this year. All details are included in council packets. Ben went over the history of his company and explained in detail the equipment and maintenance recommended. Next month, Steve Migas will be here from C and C Pumps to present his company's quote and maintenance contract.

Pole Saw for tree trimming: Table until December. Need bids for motorized pole.

City Clerk Bond: Table until December. Have quote from GDC; waiting for quote from Hawkins.

Center Soft Ball Fields: Ralls County Schools has offered to turn the soft ball fields and building over to the City if Center pays the closing cost. In turn the school will pay rent to Center on the building until they have a place to store the contents in the building. School will pay utilities and insurance on building while in their use. Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to accept the offer from Ralls County Schools for the soft ball fields and building. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance #239 Weight Limits on Specific Street/Bridges: Attorney Joe Brannon read the 1st and 2nd reading of new Ordinance #239 Establishing Weight Limits. Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #239. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Alderman Tom Bramblett made a motion to approve the 2nd reading Ordinance #239. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

Vandalism at Park: Chief Bill Martin stated that vandalism at the City Park continues to be a problem. He would need hard evidence before any citation could be issued. Additional lighting will be installed to the pavilion area.

Sewer & Street Inspection/Maintenance: Shane Niffen presented a report of the work he and Curt Hummel have been conducting throughout the city on repairing street signs and popping every manhole cover and flushing out sewer on several areas and using the camera to aid in identifying problems.

Uncollectable Accounts: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to write-off \$166.00 of 2018 & 2019 accounts that have moved away or do not have current address to contact. Alderman Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Christmas Lights: Alderwoman Cristy Browning made a motion to approve \$200.00 for additional Christmas lights for the City's current street light pole decorations. Alderman Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

City Insurance Renewal: Waiting for quote from Hawkins. Will have quote by Dec 2nd meeting.

Transfer Money back to Street Fund: Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to transfer \$25,000 back to the Street Fund from the General Fund. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief Bill Martin request spotlight for Police Truck: Need to obtain bids for spotlight at next meeting.


Revisit Ordinance #214: Ordinance states an annual registration and \$15 fee every year for ATV type vehicles. Possibly should be regular annual vehicle fee of \$5 after 1st year of registration.

Informational Items:

Next Council meeting will be December 2, 2020 at 6pm.

Alderman Steven Reynolds made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Alderwoman Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Franke
City Clerk