

MINUTES

City of Center

09/01/2021 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor, Dennis McMillen called the City Council meeting to order on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Mayor, Dennis McMillen

Alderman, Shawn Couch

Alderman, Steven Reynolds

Alderman, Tom Bramblett

Alderwoman, Cristy Browning

Attorney, Joe Brannon

City Clerk, Crystal Kelch

City Clerk Assistant, Jeanne Franke

Approval of Minutes, Agenda and Monthly Bills

Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes, September Agenda with the addition of Emergency Spending Ordinance and Mason Street Culvert to New Business, and September 2021 Bills presented to pay. Alderman, Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Forum

Alonna Kiser, Community Planner for Mark Twain Regional Council of Government, distributed packets of information to City Council members regarding the American Rescue Funds, Kiser informed Council the application and all required paperwork has been approved for City of Center. She recommended the City of Center open a bank account for the American Rescue Funds and keep a record of transactions for auditing purposes. The Council must have a contract for completion of projects approved by Mark Twain Regional Council of Government by December 31, 2024, and the funds must be paid out in full by December 31, 2026. The City Clerk was advised to set up an ID and Me Account with the US Department of Treasury.

Alonna Kiser also suggested City Council create a "Wish List" of projects the City Council would like to be completed in the future and return it to Mark Twain Regional Council of Government for review. The organization will notify City of Center if we are eligible for grants to help fund our "Wish List".

Old Business

Solid Waste Disposal Bids: City Council received sealed bids from Dayne's Disposal, Republic Services and Sutton Disposal. After reviewing and discussing all bids and pricing, Alderwoman, Cristy Browning ask the City residents present if they preferred being able to place one (1) large item out for pickup each week versus having one Annual City-Wide trash pickup per year. After residents of Center voiced their opinions,

Alderwoman, Cristy Browning made a motion to renew the contract with Dayne's Disposal. Alderman, Tom Bramblett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Hall Camera Purchase and Installation: Police Chief, Bill Martin informed City Council if a camera is installed it is pertinent to keep and retain video records for 30 days per state statute. Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a ZOSI 1TB Hard Drive Video DVR Recording Security Camera System for \$175.99 from Amazon as recommendation from Police Chief, Bill Martin. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Property Clean-up Plan and Issuing Citations: City Council discussed several properties in town that need mowing, clean up, repairs, etc. Council advised Police Chief, Bill Martin to summons tickets to property owners that have received warnings and are not attempting to correct the issues.

Street and Sewer Maintenance: Shane Niffen, City Maintenance Supervisor, informed City Council both pumps in the lagoon are currently working. They are running an average of 2 hours per day and more with rain fall.

Shane Niffen recommended the city purchase more Chem Cleaner. Mayor, Dennis McMillen recommended Shane see if we can get a discount for purchasing in bulk. No motion was made at this time.

Shane Niffen informed the City Council there has been an overabundance of sludge in the sewer pipes coming from Sharp Shine Car Wash. The City will contact the owner to see if the filter can be changed or what needs to be done to resolve the issue.

City of Center vs Tracy Ray: Sentencing has been postponed to September 2021.

New Business

American Rescue Plan Bank Account: Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to open a new bank account for the purpose American Rescue Funds as recommended by Mark Twain Regional Council of Government. The signers on this account shall be Mayor, Dennis McMillen, Alderman, Thomas Bramblett, City Clerk, Crystal Kelch and City Clerk Assistant, Jeanne Franke. Alderman, Steven Reynolds seconded. Motion Passed 4-0.

Part-Time City Maintenance Worker: Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to hire Brady Stevenson for part time City Maintenance position effective 09/01/2021 at \$12.00/hour for up to 20 hours per week as needed to assist Shane. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

City Maintenance Truck Tire Purchase: City of Center received bids to replace the tires on the city maintenance truck. The bid from Lake's Automotive was for \$604.00. The bid from The Repair Shop was for \$672.00. Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to purchase tires from Lake's Automotive for \$604.00. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning Seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Homecoming Parade: Alderman, Steven Reynolds made a motion to approve the Homecoming Parade to take place on September 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

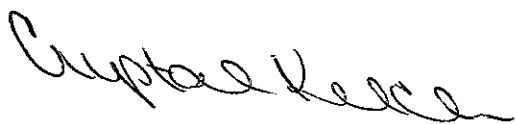
Emergency Spending Ordinance: The City Council ask Attorney, Joe Brannon if it would be possible to approve an ordinance to spend up to a certain amount of money in the event of an emergency. Attorney, Joe Brannon advised against this. No motion was made.

Replace Culvert on Mason Street: Mayor, Dennis McMillen recommended Shane Niffen to see if we have a culvert to replace the one on Mason Street. If we have one, McMillen advised Niffen to contact Missouri Department of Transportation to replace the culvert.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman, Shawn Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Alderwoman, Cristy Browning seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Crystal Kelch

City Clerk