



Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Aldermen Jessica Orsini, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, and Landon Magley answered roll call. Aldermen David Wilkins and Don Rodgers were absent. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, Police Officers Landon Enochs and Bradley Harris. Citizens present: Teresa Houmes, Linda Bormann, Don Bormann, Boyd Harris, Larry Dietzel, and James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Cox led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Mayor Cox opened the floor for Comments from Citizens at 6:31 pm. Teresa Houmes had previously requested the City review options to adjust the street light near her residence, to prevent the bright light from shining in her residence. She thanked Mayor Cox and Aldermen Hudson and Rodgers for responding to her request, however no changes had been made. Houmes again requested the City lower the head of the street light fixture near her property. Boyd Harris addressed the Board at 6:33pm and expressed his concerns regarding a lot split request he had submitted for 705 S Rollins Street. Harris reported he had also submitted a Board of Adjustment application for a variance, but to date has not received any resolution regarding that application. Harris expressed frustrations about the manner in which his requests have been handled and opined that other similar lot splits have been approved, whereas his was denied. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Cox closed the Comments from Citizens section.

at 6:37pm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as a group unless separated by request of one or more Aldermen. (Motion)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to revise the agenda to move item 8(a), Appointment of Larry Dietzel as Police Officer, from the current location to be heard immediately following item 4, Comments from Citizens. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Cox for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2. Alderman Deckerd made a motion to approve the Mayoral appointment of Larry Dietzel as a Full-Time Police Officer. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2. City Clerk Marilyn Dick administered the Oath of Officer to Larry Dietzel. He will begin his duties on 09-23-25. Alderman Orsini made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

- a. **Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes**
- c. **General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
- d. **Planning & Zoning Minutes**
- e. **Collector's Report**
- f. **Activity Reports**

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OVER \$1,250

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to approve the accounts payable over \$1250, for a total of \$1,129,845.55. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

ACTION AGENDA

7. LEGAL

a. **Legal - Solicitors, Canvassers and Peddlers - ORD**

Bill No. 2590 Ordinance No. 3221

Minutes:

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2590 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS, PEDDLERS, AND STREET PEDDLERS WITHIN THE CITY OF CENTRALIA, MISSOURI; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS, RESTRICTIONS, AND PENALTIES; AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.." Alderman Hudson moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Hudson moved the bill be placed on

its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Hudson moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Orsini, Magley, and Deckerd. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 3221.

b. Legal - Amending Section 13-27 Concerning Collection and Disposal of Yard Waste - ORD

Bill No. 2591 Ordinance No. 3222

Minutes:

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2591 to create an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 13 – 27 OF THE CENTRALIA CITY CODE CONCERNING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE." Alderman Orsini moved that it be placed on its first reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. Alderman Orsini moved the bill be placed on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hudson and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read the second time by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Orsini moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the ordinance passed with the following vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Orsini, Magley, Deckerd. Voting AGAINST: none, Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Ordinance was designated as Ordinance 3222.

c. Legal - Recruit Sponsorship and Reimbursement Programs - RES

Bill No. 2592 Resolution No. R-25-09

Minutes:

Administrator Strain presented a bill marked and designated as bill no. 2592 to create a resolution entitled "RECRUIT SPONSORSHIP AND REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS." Alderman Deckerd moved that it be placed on its first and only reading by title only. Before the bill was introduced copies of the bill were made available for public inspection. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini and motion carried unanimously. The bill was then read by title only. The Mayor then called for discussion on the bill and after some discussion Alderman Deckerd moved the final passage of the bill. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed with the following

vote. Aldermen voting FOR: Hudson, Magley, Deckerd, and Orsini. Voting AGAINST: None. Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The Mayor declared the bill passed and thereupon signed the same as passed. The bill was approved by the Mayor and signed by the Mayor as approved and was returned to the City Clerk who attested to the signature of the Mayor, affixed the city seal and the Resolution was designated as Resolution R-25-09.

d. Legal - Motion to approve a Memo on Pausing Changes to Planning and Zoning Code

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Orsini made a motion to approve the Pause on Changes to Planning & Zoning Code Memo, as presented. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

e. Legal - Motion to Direct the City Attorney to Draft an Ordinance for Adult Day Care

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding Adult Day Care operations in the City. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8. MAYOR

a. Appointments - Appoint Larry Dietzel as a Full Time Police Officer

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson made a motion to revise the agenda to move item 8(a), Appointment of Larry Dietzel as Police Officer, from the current location to be heard immediately following item 4, Comments from Citizens. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by Mayor Cox for ayes and nays the motion passed unanimously. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain reported she recently attended the MML Conference and obtained several ideas regarding beautification of the City, including possibly planting trees along some downtown sidewalks. Further research on the topic will continue.

b. Mayberry Subdivision Update

Minutes:

City Administrator Strain advised that a traffic study was conducted on the Mayberry Subdivision Project. All requested reports and improvement plans were submitted to the City, and the plans have been approved. The project is expected to commence in the Spring of 2026.

10. CITY ATTORNEY**a. Update on Comprehensive Plan and Related Ordinances****Minutes:**

City Attorney Mayfield reported that work on the Comprehensive Plan update is scheduled to begin in early 2026. Updates to city zoning codes will be considered during that process.

CLOSED SESSION*

*During the meeting, the Board of Aldermen may elect to go into closed session and hold a closed vote, and the purpose of such closed session and closed vote shall be:

9. Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups.

11. CLOSED SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson moved the Board of Aldermen of the City of Centralia, Missouri, hold a closed meeting and a closed vote, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote was: 9. Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups. Alderman Hudson asked that this motion be adopted by roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Alderman Orsini. The motion passed with the following vote: Alderman voting FOR: Orsini, Hudson, Deckerd, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The meeting went into closed session at 6:53pm.

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

(MOTION)

Minutes:

During closed session, only employee group negotiation matters were discussed, and no vote was taken. Alderman Orsini made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Alderman voting FOR: Orsini, Hudson, Deckerd, and Magley. Voting AGAINST: none. Absent: Wilkins and Rodgers. The meeting returned to open session at 7:03 pm.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION**13. ADJOURN****Minutes:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Orsini made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Hudson seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. Vote results: Aye: 4; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

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