



General Government & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:45 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

The General Government and Public Safety Committee Meeting will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m., immediately following the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee Meeting. This meeting could begin sooner or later, depending on the length of the other meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Alderman Robert Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Aldermen Jessica Orsini, Robert Hudson, David Wilkins, Harold Deckerd, and Don Rodgers answered roll call. Alderman Landon Magley was absent. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, Public Works & Utilities Director Matthew Rusch, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Officer Landon Enochs, Deputy City Clerk Beth Kable & Mayor Chris Cox via phone. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, and Betty Gooding with the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC SAFETY

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. **Activity Report**
- b. **Chief of Police Monthly Report**

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

- a. **Activity Report**

Minutes:

Fire Chief Denny Rusch reported that there were more med calls with lift assists and falls, but overall things have been quiet.

5. OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Emergency Management
- b. Protective Inspection

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Chamber of Commerce Reports

Minutes:

Betty Gooding reported that the next after-hours event will be at Edward Jones on July 16th and they signed a three-year contract with Tinsley's for carnival rides for the Anchor Festival. She met with Ginny Zoellers at the Historical Society about the Centralia Fires and also sponsored the Centralia Fair Queen for the Missouri State Fair Competition. They are finalizing plans for the Wine and Whiskey Walk and they are discussing having an annual meeting. She also said that there is an opening on the Chamber board that they are hoping to fill quickly.

7. PARK BOARD

- a. Park Board Agenda(s)
- b. Park Board Minute(s)

8. LIBRARY BOARD

- a. Library Board Agenda(s)

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- a. Balance Sheet
- b. Budget Report
- c. Accounts Payable Over \$1250

10. OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes:

City Administrator Tara Strain reported that Daynes said they will lower the trash fees back to the lower prices with the diesel costs coming down. If diesel goes back up, they will raise the prices again.

11. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by Alderman Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0