

The following are the approved minutes of the Centerfield City Council meeting held July 19, 2023 in the Centerfield City Hall. Those in attendance; Mayor Travis Leatherwood, Jaden Sorenson, Ryan Stewart, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen. Absent Jackie Huff.

Other employees in attendance: Lacey Belnap & Randi Hunt

Meeting is being conducted by Mayor Travis Leatherwood

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

1- Roll Call

2- Pledge of Allegiance - Councilman Hansen

3- Invocation - Councilman Sorenson

Minutes of July 5, 2023

Councilman Hansen moved to approve the minutes from July 5, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Christensen. Carries 4-0.

Good Landlord Program

Good Landlord Program was adopted in 2014. At the time it served its purpose. Since then legislation has changed the program, and it's been hard to keep up with all the changes. Recorder Belnap feels like the program is just limping along and isn't being run the way it was originally intended. Suggestion was made to discontinue the program and if there is a need for a similar program in the future, a program that fits Centerfield's needs can be implemented at that time.

Councilman Christensen made a motion to discontinue the Good Landlord Program in Centerfield. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 4-0.

Secondary Water Meter Discussion

A question was asked by a resident of when the city applied for the secondary meters and what did the city apply for? Grant is only allowed for what was currently being billed for in the Centerfield City system and only for residential metering. Centerfield City applied for the grant on May 27, 2021. Applied for 480 meters

A list was sent out to council members showing when residents were approved for a building permit after the May 27, 2021 date. Any resident that is on that list, will need to pay for the meter, since their building permit was approved after the grant application was submitted. They will need to be approached to let them know that they were not part of the grant application.

Those who were part of the grant will be charged one rate. Those that need to pay for the meter will need to either pay for the meter up front or set up a payment plan with the city. Everyone will be charged a separate fee to replace the meters.

Discussion on the need of hiring a second full time Public Works Employee

The need for a second public works employee has been talked about for some time. For a couple of different reasons there is a need for a second full time public works employee. Centerfield city needs to anticipate and be prepared for when the current public works employee is ready to retire. Centerfield can carry an additional employee. Councilman Sorensson questioned what the structure of the position will be? Mayor Leatherwood sees it as the current employee will be the supervisor and the second employee will be the assistant. Sorenson is also wondering about the IT side of the position. Sorenson believes that the secondary meters will be more work load in that aspect than what we have had before. Get a current job description, so the individual will know what their responsibilities will be. City has the option to hire any part time employees as full time employees.

Unfinished Business/Report of Council Members

Mayor Leatherwood-

Mayor Leatherwood mentioned Jackie would like to be here tonight, but is unable to make it. Talullah is in attendance to discuss the color copy of the mural she presented to the city. Tallulah is wondering if she can move forward, or if there are changes she needs to make before doing so. Councilman Hansen suggested not doing anymore rainbow. Councilman Hansen is okay with moving forward with the east side. Council would like to see the new sketches Talullah has designed for the north and south sides of the building.

Councilman Sorenson asked if a rec board member had accepted the position. They were out of town, so Mayor Leatherwood will get with them this week.

Jon Hansen-

Councilman Hansen got a hold of Kevin Daniels and talked to him about the water issue that Jon has proposed to the council. Kevin would like to think it over to make sure he doesn't see any repercussions for the future.

Jaden Sorenson-

Councilman Sorenson would like to follow up on an issue with Kim Beck being shut off from her access to irrigation water. Email from the Gunnison Irrigation Company stating delivery is .5 cubic feet per second, roughly 3200 gallons per day, per share.

Ryan Stewart-

Councilman Stewart met with Dennis Marker from Gunnison City on planning for a bike path to connect Centerfield and Gunnison. Bid period is open now and they have until the end of August to turn those bids in. Centerfield and Gunnison went after a planning grant as a valley to help plan roads and paths. A grant was given for \$72,000. Need to come up with an additional \$8,000 between the two cities. One thing to look at is main street and what types of businesses would fit Centerfield City, along with potential sites for businesses. Currently the bike bath on 400 east will be the highest priority at this point.

Peckham asphalt is working their way to Centerfield, hoping to be here by the end of July or first of August.

Councilman Stewart made a motion at 7:36 PM to go into a closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee competency. Seconded by Councilman Sorenson. Carries 4-0. Roll Call vote Yea- Councilman Sorenson, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Stewart and Councilman Christensen.

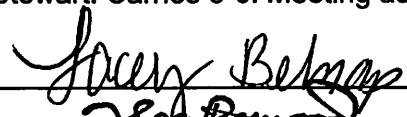
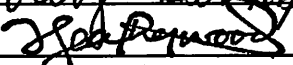
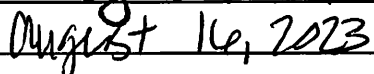
Councilman Christensen was asked to leave the closed session.

Councilman Stewart made a motion to go out of the closed session at 8:40 PM to discuss pending litigation and employee competency. Seconded by Councilman Sorenson. Carries 3-0. Roll Call vote Yea- Councilman Sorenson, Councilman Stewart and Councilman Hansen.

Back into the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:41 PM.

Mayor asked the council to review the email sent out about culinary water rate classifications.

Councilman Sorenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Stewart. Carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

	_____	Lacey Belnap, City Recorder
	_____	Travis Leatherwood, Mayor
	_____	Approval Date