

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm, with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson
Council Members	Cheylynn Hayman
	Robyn Mecham
	Brian Plummer
	Gina Hirst
	Spencer Summerhays

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brant Hanson, City Manager  
 Lisa Romney, City Attorney  
 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder  
 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director  
 Mike Eggett, Community Development Director  
 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director  
 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director  
 Haley Turner, Communications Manager  
 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director  
 Cameron Woodbury, Drainage Utility Supervisor  
 Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Chief

**VISITORS**

Jeff Cook

**DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE AUDIT UPDATE**

Finance Director Nate Plaizier explained the discovery of billing errors affecting many drainage utility accounts, which led to conducting a comprehensive audit, revealing further discrepancies. It was determined to charge back fees up to four years, offering various discounts depending on the payment plan chosen by the affected account holders. It was noted that dealing with public agitation was part of the process, and reactions from businesses varied from understanding to very frustrated, and that many situations were being handled on a case-by-case basis.

The Council raised concerns regarding the immediate payment expectations, and encouraged leniency in the timeframes and discount amounts for accepting payment of delinquent drainage utility fee payments. It was agreed to set the following dates and discount amounts:

1. 15% discount if paid by December 31, 2024
2. 10% discount if paid over the course of 12 months

It was also understood that City staff is willing to work directly with business owners to maintain a personalized negotiation approach, and payments may be tailored to individual necessity, while preserving fairness in process and timing.

**GUN RANGE LEASE AGREEMENT**

City Manager Brant Hanson provided background on the ongoing agreement with Centerville Small Arms Association regarding the lease of the City's gun range. Mr. Hanson shared the concerns in maintaining desired access to the range, indicating overlapping uses and liability issues due to undefined scheduling allowances, particularly between police department activities and civilian use. Police Chief Allen Ackerson also shared concerns with operation issues and lack of maintaining infrastructure, including road upkeep, which presented further complications.

The Council discussed possibilities, from non-renewal, to revisiting terms that could encapsulate redefined use. The discussion included insurance adequacy, remediation obligations, and increased liability if the City takes over responsibility of the range. The Council gave staff direction to enter negotiations with the Small Arms Association in an attempt to reorganize how operations are executed and to prioritize the City's needs in a restructured lease.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:53 pm, Councilmember Hayman **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

10/4/2024 | 1:04 PM MDT

Date Approved

