## CITY OF GENTRY REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in person and virtually, at the Council Chambers and, at various other locations, at 6:30 p.m. on January 3, 2022. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

Janice Arnold-present
Jason Barrett-present
Michael Crawford-present
Dan Erskin-present
David Page- present
Jimmy Thorburn- present
Jason Williams-present

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Philpott

Others in attendance: Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Randy Moll (virtually), Larry Gregory (virtually) & Justin Spafford (virtually)

# REVIEW OF MINUTES: December 6, 2021- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Barrett- to approve the minutes as presented

Second: Arnold

Roll Call: Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes C:

Crawford-yes

Erksin-yes

Page-yes

Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Motion passed.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda): None
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce Janie Parks was unavailable due to illness.
- 3. <u>Gentry Public Schools:</u> Terrie Metz was unavailable; Jason Barrett stated students would return to class Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and staff were anxiously awaiting protocol with regard to COVID-19 and CDC guidelines.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINES**

1) Park Master Plan Update:

a) Splashpad: Mayor Johnston announced work is continuing on items on the punch list; progress continues.

**Sports Complex:** Justin Spafford presented the latest progress report and stated things are beginning to wrap up. Work continues to proceed through January, weather permitting.

i) Signage/Banners: Mayor Johnston stated there is currently no policy in place regarding banners/signs, and could be something to consider and discuss, with the possibility of kicking to committee after a walk-thru has been done. Another thing to consider: naming the complex.

- 2) Water Storage Facility Update: Larry Gregory with Garver stated the water tank was at about 84% completion with gravel drive, fencing, etc. coming up. Expected completion; April 2022.
- 3) 117 N. Smith Ave. Cleanup Update: A Resolution Authorizing Demolition and Clean-up of Property Situated at 117 N. Smith Ave., Gentry, Arkansas was presented for review and consideration. Mayor Johnston announced he had contacted 5 companies with regard to bids for cleanup of this property and, had received 3 quotes. Those quotes were also provided to all Council Members for review and consideration. After discussion:

**Motion:** Arnold- to pass the Resolution as presented and, appointing Paul Smith as Contractor in the amount of \$10,000.00- in which funds will be allocated from the City's General Fund

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Page- yes

Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-pass

Erskin-yes

Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) <u>Annexation Ordinance- Spickelmier/Newsom/Simmons:</u> An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Lands to the City of Gentry; Assigning said Lands to a Ward; Designating the Zoning of said Lands; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to suspend the rules and read by heading only

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Erskin-yes

Page-yes

Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes Bar

Barrett-yes

yes Crawford-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

Motion: Crawford- to pass on three readings with a single vote

Second: Arnold

Roll Call: Erskin-yes

Arnold-yes

Page-yes Barrett-yes Thorburn-yes Crawford-yes

Williams-yes

Motion passed.

2) 2021 Budget Amendment Resolution: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 20-639 Appropriating Money and Expenditures for the Year Commencing January 1, 2021, and Ending on December 31, 2021; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Williams- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Page-yes

Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes

Motion passed.

3) Planning Commission Re-Appointment Resolution (Church/Feemster): A Resolution Appointing Danny Feemster and Paul Church to Gentry Planning Commission, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Barrett- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Page-yes

Motion passed.

4) Main Street Association Agreement Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Execute an Agreement with the Main Street Gentry Association; Waiving Competitive Bidding; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Williams-yes Crawford-yes Arnold-yes Erskin-yes

Barrett-yes

Page-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

5) 2022 Regular Council Meeting Schedule: Mayor Johnston presented Council with the 2022 regular meeting schedule for review. After discussion and agreement on amending dates for July and September 2022, and January 2023:

Motion: Barrett- to set the dates as presented for 2022 and, January 2023

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Arnold-yes

Crawford-yes

Barrett-yes

Williams-yes

Thorburn-yes Erskin-yes

Page-yes

Motion passed.

- 6) <u>2022 Council Committee Appointments:</u> Mayor Johnston presented Council with a list of current committees and those appointed, for their information.
- 7) <u>Council Meeting Procedural Rules and Format:</u> After discussion and consideration for changing the public comment section for restructure, it was decided the format would remain as is.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

\*Planning Commission Meeting, January 20, 2022 @ 7:00p.m.:

\*City Sales and Use & County Tax numbers for 2020-2022 were listed

There being no other new business Mayor Johnston entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Williams Second: Crawford

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

CITY CLERK:

JENNY TROUT

MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON

**CITY OF GENTRY**