

GENTRY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022

Meeting Called to Order
Invocation
Roll Call
Review of Minutes: July 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

1. Public Comment (Item(s) Not on Presented Agenda)
2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks
3. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Park Master Plan Update
 - a. Splashpad
 - b. Sports Complex
2. Water Storage Facility Update
3. Water/Sewer Rate Study
- 4.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.
- 2.

Any items that may arise after the publication of this Agenda must be voted on, to be heard, by the majority of the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Planning Commission Meeting, August 18, 2022 @ 7pm

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
City Sales & Use	\$137,059.64	\$160,266.71	\$172,578.19
County Tax	\$72,819.13	\$89,394.80	\$91,195.39

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 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 July 11, 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, virtually
Michael Crawford- Present
Dan Erskin- Absent
David Page- Present
Jimmy Thorburn- Absent
Cindy Philpott- Present
Jason Williams- Present

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Erskin; Jimmy Thorburn

Others in attendance: Mayor- Kevin Johnston, City Attorney- Joel Kurtz, City Clerk- Jenny Trout, Larry Gregory with Garver, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Rick Craft, Chamber of Commerce Director Janie Parks, Mark Lynch and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: June 6, 2022- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Page- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Arnold-yes	Barrett-yes	Crawford-yes
Page-yes	Philpott-yes	Williams-yes

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda): None

1. **Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented her monthly report to the council. Updates included: Ember Mountain Ribbon Cutting was held on June 10th; Freedom Fest was another huge success. Janie mentioned a long list of thanks to those that helped with the festivities including: McKee Foods, United Way of Gentry, Simmons Foods, Smith Drug, Meeks Lumber, Gentry Ace Hardware, Krein Development and many others, including individuals Cindy Philpott, David Page, Tammy and Bill Runyan, Delia Haak, and American Legion Post 159, just to name a few. Downtown Revitalization Plan Meeting is yet to be determined but will be soon. Pickin’ Time on 59 is September 22nd-24th. Glow Ride is scheduled for September 24th at dusk. Trick or Treat on Main Street will be October 31st, beginning at 5:30p.m. and, the Gentry Christmas Parade is tentatively set for December 10th at 6:30p.m.

2. **Gentry Public Schools-** Terrie Metz was unavailable. Jason Barrett stated there was nothing new to report other than they are preparing for the upcoming school year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Park Master Plan Update:**

a) **Splashpad:** Mayor Johnston stated there is an outstanding item on the punch list that is being handled regarding the seat wall cap.

b) **Sports complex:** Mayor Johnston said a few items were being finalized, including dredging of the pond in the SW corner. Updates will continue until complete.

2) **Water Storage Facility Update:** Larry Gregory with Garver said site work issues are being finalized in order to complete the project and thanked the city for allowing Garver to be a part in this journey.

3) **420 S. Byers Ave. Cleanup Update:** Mayor Johnston said progress continues at the property site. Attempts have been made to reach the property owner and asked council to consider adding a discussion regarding appropriation of funds, to the evenings agenda to consider further options.

Motion: Barrett- to add lot cleanup appropriation to number 8 of tonight's agenda

Second: Arnold

Roll Call: Page-yes

Philpott-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rezone Ordinance (RLP Developments LLC):** An Ordinance Amending Appendix B of the City of Gentry Municipal Code Regarding Zoning of Certain Lands Located within the City; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration.

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

Second: Page

Roll Call: Page-yes

Philpott-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-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: Williams

Roll Call: Page-yes

Philpott-yes

Williams-yes

Arnold-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Motion passed.

2. **Annexation Acceptance Ordinance (ACASDA, Church, Lunch):** 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: Williams- to suspend the rules and read by heading only

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Crawford- yes Page-yes Philpott-yes
 Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

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

Second: Arnold

Roll Call: Crawford- yes Page-yes Philpott-yes
 Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes

Motion passed.

Motion: Williams- to pass on emergency clause

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Crawford- yes Page-yes Philpott-yes
 Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes

Motion passed.

3. **Browning Road to N. Collins Ave. Renaming Ordinance:** An Ordinance Renaming a Portion of Browning Road; Amending the Gentry Street Map; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration.

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

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Page-yes Philpott-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

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

Second: Barrett and Williams

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Page-yes Philpott-yes

Motion passed.

4. **Covid Leave Extension Resolution:** A Resolution Extending Covid Leave Program was presented for consideration.

Motion: Page- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Page-yes Philpott-yes

Motion passed.

5. **Sewer Relief Ordinance (Pools):** An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Provide for Relief from Excessive Sewer Charges in Certain Circumstances; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration.

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

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Crawford-yes Barrett-yes
 Williams-yes Philpott-yes Page-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

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

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Crawford-yes Barrett-yes
 Williams-yes Philpott-yes Page-yes

Motion passed.

6. **Police Patrol Units:** Mayor Johnston gave the floor to Police Chief Clay Stewart to explain the situation regarding state bids. Chief Stewart told council the decision to open state bids for patrol units, will begin in January 2023. The window in which to order any vehicles will be small and a letter of intent is required. Without the letter of intent, no orders will be filled. Chief Stewart also reiterated that a letter of intent **does not bind** the city to purchase, only to secure an order, should the opportunity arise to do so. Council agreed to the letter of intent.

7. **Water/Sewer Rate Study:** Mayor Johnston presented council with an approved rate study provider list for consideration. After some discussion:

Motion: Williams- to table this matter until further information can be provided at the next scheduled council meeting

Second: Page

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Page-yes Philpott-yes

Motion passed.

8. **Appropriation of Funds for Lot Cleanup:** Having added this item to the agenda, discussion continued with regard to setting aside funds specifically appropriated for lot cleanup in the future, which would be reflected in an amendment to the 2022 budget, at the end of year 2022.

Motion: Arnold- to appropriate \$10,000.00 for lot cleanup under the general fund

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Philpott-yes Williams-yes Arnold-yes
 Barrett-yes Crawford-yes Page-yes

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

***Planning Commission Meeting, July 21, 2022 @ 7:00p.m.**

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

There being no other new business:

Motion: Crawford

Second: Williams

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**

**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

RATE STUDY PROVIDER APPROVED LIST Updated June 28, 2022

Per the Act 605 of 2021, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission shall maintain an approved list of entities to conduct rate studies for Water Service Providers. The following entities have been determined to have met the qualifications for inclusion on this list

Arkansas Rural Water Association

240 Dee Dee Lane
Lonoke, AR 72086
info@arwa.net
(501) 676-2266

Bond Consulting Engineers, Inc.

2601 T.P. White Dr.
Jacksonville, AR 72076
tbond@bondce.com arobinson@bondce.com
(501) 982-1538

Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64114
dnaumann@burnsmcd.com
(816) 822-4207

Communities Unlimited, Inc.

3 East Colt Square
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Jerry.kopke@communitiesu.org
(479) 445-2727

CWB Engineers, Inc.

1915 Highway 25B P.O. Box 670
Heber Springs, AR 72543
cbell@cwbenigneers.com
(501) 413-0861

Engineering Services, Inc.

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RATE STUDY PROVIDER APPROVED LIST

Updated April 19, 2022

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