

**CITY OF GENTRY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a regular session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on November 4, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:**

Janice Arnold	Jason Barrett	Michael Crawford	
Cindy Philpott	Kristi Reams	Jimmy Thorburn	Jason Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Erskin

**Others in attendance:** City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Fire Chief V. Cripps, Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster, Ray Arnold, Jill Grimsley and others.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES: October 7, 2019- Regular Council Meeting**

**Motion:** Cindy Philpott- to approve minutes as presented

**Second:** Jimmy Thorburn

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes  
Philpott- yes Reams- yes Thorburn- yes Williams- yes

**Motion approved.**

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda)** No new comments
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented the calendar of events and updated Council on the success of the City’s annual Trick or Treat on Main, which was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> and had close to 1,000 children and families. The Christmas parade is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> with this year’s theme being “A Christmas Carol”.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the November calendar of events, everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools – Jason Barrett** spoke on behalf of Terrie Metz and announced that the school band was gone for a competition today; a Financial Aid night has been scheduled for tomorrow evening for students and parents; and that students will be released for Thanksgiving break the week of November 25- November 30, 2019.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Progress continues to move forward including relocation of utilities, etc.
- 2) **Park Master Plan Update** – Mayor Johnston stated discussions were continuing and planning and design issues are still in the works.
- 3) **Park Bond Ordinance w/Emergency Clause:**

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

At this time City Attorney Joel Kurtz suggested that a motion could be made to suspend the rules and read by heading only to include all ordinances presented on this evening’s agenda.

**Motion:** Barrett- to amend his previous motion to suspend the rules and read by heading only to include ALL ordinances presented at this meeting

**Second:** Crawford

**Roll Call:** Reams- yes Philpott- yes Thorburn- yes Williams- yes  
Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes

**Motion passed.**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,655,000 City of Gentry, Arkansas Sales and Use Tax Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2019 for the Purpose of Financing All or a Portion of the Cost of the Expansion, Acquisition and Construction of Betterments and Improvements to the City’s Parks and Recreational Facilities; Pledging Net Collections of One-Half Cent of the City’s 0.875% Sales and Use Tax to Pay the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds; Authorizing the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Execution and Use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection with the Marketing of Such Bonds; Authorizing the Sale of the Bonds; Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Use of an Official Statement, and Prescribing Other Matters Pertaining Thereto; And Declaring an Emergency.**

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

**Second:** Arnold

**Roll Call:** Reams- yes Philpott- yes Thorburn- yes Williams- yes  
Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes

**Motion passed.**

At this time the Council was presented with the Final Pricing Report and the Ordinance was reviewed and considered.

**Motion:** Arnold- to pass on Emergency Clause

**Second:** Thorburn

**Roll Call:** Reams- yes Philpott- yes Thorburn- yes Williams- yes  
Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes

**Motion passed.**

- 4) **Water Storage Facility Update-** Mayor Johnston stated the project was continuing to move forward.
- 5) **Condemnation Process- 317 S. Collins-** Mayor Johnston stated a written plan had been received from the property owner in which his intention is to relocate the current tenants and demolish the property. He has been given a 6-month time frame in which to complete this plan.
- 6) **Condemnation Process- 119 N. Nelson Ave.-** Mayor Johnston stated contact had been made with the property owner and the City is currently awaiting a written plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (The Motion passed to read by heading only regarding ALL Ordinances remains in place throughout)

1.) **Sunset Ridge Phase 3 Final Plat Acceptance Ordinance w/Emergency Clause**

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

**Second:** Philpott

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Sunset Ridge Subdivision Phase 3, Gentry, Arkansas; Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes**

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

**Second:** Crawford

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**Motion:** Barrett- to pass on Emergency Clause

**Second:** Philpott

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**2) Annexation Ordinance Steele Dev., Inc./TPF w/Emergency Clause**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Lands to the City of Gentry; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes.**

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

**Second:** Williams

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**Motion:** Barrett-to pass on Emergency Clause

**Second:** Reams

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**3) Back-up Generator Purchase Resolution: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Caterpillar Model DG80 60kW Standby Generators was presented to the Council for consideration.**

**Motion:** Arnold -to accept the Resolution as presented

**Second:** Thorburn

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**4) Police Unit Purchase Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Gentry to Execute a Purchase Agreement to Purchase Two Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Sedans; for Equipping the Sedans; and for Other Purposes was presented to the Council for consideration.**

**Motion:** Barrett- to pass the resolution as presented

**Second:** Arnold

**Roll Call:** Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes  
Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

5) **Water Department Truck Purchase Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Gentry to Execute a Purchase Agreement to Purchase a Ford F-250 ¾ Ton HD 4X4 Crew-Cab Truck; for Equipping the Truck; and for Other Purposes** was presented to the Council for consideration.

**Motion:** Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

**Second:** Barrett

**Roll Call:** Crawford-yes Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes  
Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes

**Motion passed.**

6) **2019 Millage Resolution: City of Gentry, Arkansas 2019 Millage Resolution-** was presented to the Council for consideration.

**Motion:** Arnold- to accept the resolution as presented

**Second:** Crawford

**Roll Call:** Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes  
Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes

**Motion passed.**

7) **Replat Ordinance- Krein/Stasiv/Slikkers:**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Accepting a Replat of Lot 8, Lot 9, and Lot 10A, Block 2 of Country Estates, City of Gentry, Benton County, Arkansas; and for Other Purposes.**

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

**Second:** Williams

**Roll Call:** Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes  
Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes

**Motion passed.**

8) **Replat Ordinance-Walker/Mayberry:**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Accepting a Replat of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 41, Original Town of Gentry, Benton County, Arkansas.**

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

**Second:** Thorburn

**Roll Call:** Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes Arnold-yes  
Barrett-yes Crawford-yes Reams-yes

**Motion passed.**



**9) Fire Dues Ordinance w/Emergency Clause:**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Adjusting Fire Dues for Members Outside the City Limits of the City of Gentry, Arkansas but Within the City's Fire Protection District; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes.**

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

**Second:** Philpott

**Roll Call:** Thorburn-yes      Williams-yes    Arnold-yes    Barrett-yes  
                 Crawford-yes      Reams-yes    Philpott-yes

**Motion passed.**

**10) Informal Plat Application Fee Ordinance:**

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Amending Section 15.04.08 of The Gentry Municipal Code Regarding Informal Plat Application Fees; and for Other Purposes.**

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

**Second:** Philpott

**Roll Call:** Williams-yes      Arnold-yes    Barrett-yes    Crawford-yes  
                 Reams-yes      Philpott-yes    Thorburn-yes

**Motion passed.**

**11) 2020 Budget:** Mayor Johnston presented the 2020 Budget and it was decided among the Council Members that a Budget Meeting would be scheduled for November 13, 2019 at 5:30p.m. Food will be provided.

**12) Annexation Election Ordinance:** City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only: **An Ordinance Annexing Certain Lands North of the City of Gentry, Arkansas; Scheduling Services to be Provided to the Annexed Area; Calling a Special Election to Submit the Question of Annexation to Voters of the City of Gentry and Other Affected Persons; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes.**

**Motion:** Arnold- to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Second:** Barrett

**Roll Call:** Thorburn-yes      Williams-yes    Arnold-yes    Barrett-yes  
                 Crawford-yes      Reams-yes    Philpott-yes

**Motion passed.** This item will return to the Council next month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

\*Planning Commission Meeting, November 21, 2019 @ 7:00p.m.

\* Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant: Mayor Johnston stated 100 trees were given away to individuals during the Community Wide Fall Clean Up. A Tree Orchard is in the works with Gentry Public Schools, and additional trees will later be used for planting in the new park.

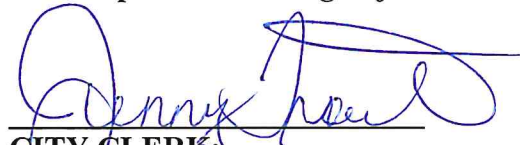
**There was no other new business and the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.**


**Motion:** Barrett- to adjourn this meeting

**Second:** Crawford

**All in favor. None opposed.**

**Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**

  
CITY CLERK:  
JENNY TROUT

  
MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON  
CITY OF GENTRY