

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 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 May 6, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

Janice Arnold	Jason Barrett	Michael Crawford
Cindy Philpott	Kristi Reams	Dan Erskin
Jason Williams		

Absent Members: Jimmy Thorburn

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief K. Smith, Fire Chief V. Cripps, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster, Terrie Metz, Randy Moll and David with KURM Radio

REVIEW OF MINUTES: April 1, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Michael Crawford

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes
Erskin- yes Reams- yes Philpott- 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 including the Christmas Parade date has been changed to December 14th due to conflicts of neighboring cities schedules. There have been a lot of additions to the city as far as new businesses opening which also added new Chamber members.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the May calendar of events. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools –Terrie Metz** announced upcoming graduation events on the 19th of May at John Brown University.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** 60% of conceptual drawing submitted to ARDOT; no new news as of 5/6/19, once approved the next phase (at 90%), will be presented & move forward; utility relocations expected to be done by September. We are moving along with the project schedule.

- 2) **Park Master Plan Update** –McClelland provided the site ops solution report/estimates on new park lands.
- 3) **Water Storage Facility Update**- Preliminary Finance and grant request (funding) has been reviewed and should go to Washington for review next week.
- 4) **Feral Cat Ordinance w/Emergency Clause**- The Ordinance regarding feeding of feral cats was presented a second time for review and acceptance, with emergency clause. Due to the breeding season being at its peak, it was deemed necessary a decision needed to be made immediately.

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

Second: Erskin

City attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only.

Motion to Pass on three readings with a single vote: Barrett

Second: Arnold

Roll Call:

Reams- yes	Philpott- yes	Williams- yes	
Arnold- yes	Barrett- yes	Crawford- yes	Erskin- yes

Motion passed

Motion to pass on Emergency Clause: Crawford

Second: Erskin

Roll Call:

Reams- yes	Philpott- yes	Williams- yes	
Arnold- yes	Barrett- yes	Crawford- yes	Erskin- yes

Motion passed

- 5) **Sign Ordinance:**

Motion: Barrett- to table sign ordinance indefinitely

Second: Reams

Roll Call:

Reams- yes	Philpott- yes	Williams- yes	
Arnold- yes	Barrett- yes	Crawford- yes	Erskin- yes

Motion passed.

- 6) **Clean-Up Event Report:** Mayor Johnston reported the community wide clean up event was very successful last Fall, but the one this Spring proved even more so. A few citizens had to be turned away due to full capacity of dumpsters but were contacted to return after Mayor Johnston was successful in obtaining additional containers for another day thanks to help from those with Allied Republic and Gentry Code Enforcement. 12 out of the 15 turned away returned the following day to dispose of their items. The City plans to hold another event this Fall and will likely make this a twice a year event in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Disposal of Property (Various Items)** Mayor Johnston informed the Council of particular items such as 2 Copiers/Printers. The one from City Hall was donated to the Gentry Fire Department. The fire hydrants Chief Vester Cripps spoke of at the April meeting were removed from the destruction pile. All other metal and similar items are to be disposed of by recycling. Bicycles are to be donated to the Gentry Public School District if the district is able to receive them, otherwise they are to be sold on GovDeals public auction with the copier/printers.

Motion: Barrett- to accept proposal of disposal of items as presented

Second: Philpott

Roll Call:

Reams- yes Philpott- yes Williams- yes
Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes Erskin- yes

Motion passed.

- 2) **General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution (Inspection Software)**

A resolution amending the City's 2019 Budget to appropriate funds for code enforcement software and hardware and other purposes, was presented to the Council for review. After review:

Motion: Williams-to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Barrett

Roll Call:

Reams- yes Philpott- yes Williams- yes
Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes Erskin- yes

Motion Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, May 16, 2019 @ 7:00p.m.**

Mayor Johnston stated a tree planting has been scheduled to take place with the Gentry Public Schools on May 15th encompassing the Arbor Day Celebration.

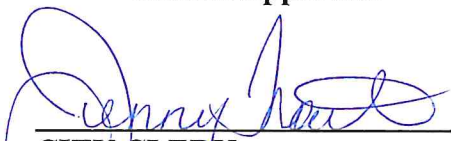
There being no other new business the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Philpott- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Reams

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion Approved.



**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**



**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**