

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 December 2, 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	Jason Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Erskin; Jimmy Thorburn

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Fire Chief V. Cripps, Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Randy Moll, Maxine Foster, Ray Arnold, Lori Johnston, Ron Homeyer and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: November 4, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Jason Williams

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes
 Philpott- yes Reams- 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 reminded everyone of the Christmas parade set for December 14th at 6:30, with this year’s theme being “A Christmas Carol”. Santa will be available from 2-4:00p.m.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the December calendar of events, everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz** stated a lot of activities were currently in process for the school, including a Toy Toss, cheer competition and a choir concert. Christmas break begins December 23rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Mayor Johnston stated all documents presented thus far have been accepted. It is basically a waiting game at this stage and progress is expected to speed up moving forward.
- 2) **Condemnation Process Update- 119 N. Nelson Ave.:** Contact has been made with the property owner and a plan is expected to be made and presented to the Council next month.
- 3) **Annexation Election Ordinance:** 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.

Mayor Johnston suggested this matter be tabled at this time in order to wait on further information from adjacent cities and property owners.

Motion: Crawford- to table the Ordinance at this time

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **2020 Budget Resolution:** A Resolution Accepting and Adopting a Budget for the City of Gentry and Appropriating Money for Each and Every Item of Expenditure Therein Provided for; For the Year Commencing January1, 2020, and Ending December 31, 2020 and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Johnston stated a private donation was gifted to the City of Gentry in amount of \$226,000, which increased the City's Fire Equipment Sinking Fund Revenue and Expenditures.

Motion: Barrett- to pass resolution

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Ward Assignment Ordinance w/Emergency:** was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading only: An Ordinance Assigning Lands Annexed to the City of Gentry to Wards; Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Barrett- to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

- 2) **Grand Estates Sub. Phase 1 Final Plat Acceptance Ordinance w/Emergency Clause** was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

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

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading only: An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Grand Estates, Phase 1, Gentry, Arkansas; Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Crawford-to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Reams

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Elected Officials and Planning Commission Salary Ordinance w/Emergency** was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

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

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading only: An Ordinance Setting the Salaries of the Elected Officials and Planning Commission Members of the City of Gentry, Arkansas; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes.

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

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Barrett to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **HJR 1018 of 2019 Support Resolution:** A Resolution by the City of Gentry, Arkansas Supporting the House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 (HJR 1018 of 2019), Proposing an Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to Continue a Levy of A One-Half Percent Sales and Use Tax for State Highways and Bridges; County Roads, Bridges, and Other Surface Transportation; and City Streets, Bridges, and Other Surface Transportation After the Retirement of the Bonds Authorized in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, as Special Revenue to be Distributed Under the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law- was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Motion: Barrett- to pass resolution

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

- 5) **Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations Resolution:**
Resolution Adopting A Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations- was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Motion: Crawford- to pass the Resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

6) **Park Master Plan Construction Management**

- a) **Request for Proposals-** Mayor Johnston stated proposals have to be made by publication; bids taken and reviewed; and Committees established

- b) **Selection Committee Composition Approval-** Discussion over how many members would be required and whom might be considered for such a Committee was had. After further discussion it was suggested that the following group of people would chair the Committee: Jason Barrett, Jason Williams, Cindy Philpott, Police Chief Clay Stewart, a representative of McClelland, (not yet named), as well as the Mayor, Kevin Johnston.

Motion: Crawford- to accept this Group to serve as the Selection Committee

Second: Reams

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Planning Commission Meeting, December 19, 2019 @ 7:00p.m.

City Sales & Use & County Tax numbers were provided for 2017, 2018 & 2019

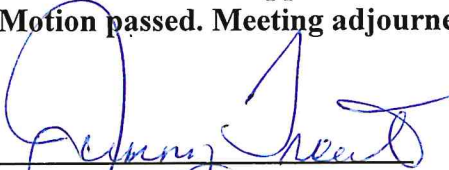
There being no other new business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

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