

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a virtual session at the Council Chambers and, at various other locations at 6:35 p.m. on March 1, 2021. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. The invocation was by-passed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others in attendance: Mayor Kevin Johnston, City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Larry Gregory, and Chris with McClelland Consulting Engineers.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 1, 2021- Regular Virtual Council Meeting

Motion: Cindy Philpott- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Michael Crawford

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda)** No new comments
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** was unavailable; no comments or announcements made.
- 3. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz** was unavailable, Jason Barrett stated there were no new comments or announcements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Park Master Plan Update:**

- a) **Splashpad Bid Acceptance Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Vortex Aquatic Structures International for the Purchase and Installation of Certain Splash Pad Equipment** was presented for review and consideration. After discussion, including that the payment performance bond would be added; and the goal for opening is Memorial Day weekend:

Motion: Barrett- to approve the resolution and to move forward

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

- b) **Sports Complex:** Mayor Johnston stated Flintco is almost ready to start the earth work and progress is continuing.

2) **Water Storage Facility Update:**

- a) **Logo Selection:** Mayor Johnston presented the Council with 3 different possibilities for a logo to be placed upon the water tank. After review and discussion, it was decided the second option, with the apples, was the chosen logo.

Motion: Crawford- to accept the logo with the apples

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

At this time Larry Gregory stated the foundation for the tank had been poured, equipment and crews were moving in for the pedestal, and a change order for \$85,000.00 for the foundation had been approved, saving the City of Gentry that money.

- 3) **317 S. Collins Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the property cleanup was about 95.5%, further information to come.

- 4) **119 N. Nelson Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated progress continues.

- 5) **117 N. Smith Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the property owner is to be presented with the list of deficiencies on March 2, 2021; further updates will be provided at the April council meeting.

- 6) **City of Gentry/McKee Foods Corp. Annexation Ordinance: An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Lands to the City of Gentry; 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: Thorburn-yes Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
Crawford-yes Erskin-yes Reams-yes Philpott-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Hwy 59/12 Intersection Improvements:** Mayor Johnston announced that ARDOT has added this matter to its 2021-2024 project list. A Grant application will be submitted for additional funds- additional information to come
- 2) **State Aid Street Program:** Mayor Johnston stated the City of Gentry had submitted its application for another \$250,000.00 grant but, out of 180 submissions, only 75 were chosen, unfortunately, ours had been denied. The City will continue to submit its application in hopes of future approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, March 18, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.:** City Attorney Joel Kurtz announced there are public hearings scheduled for this meeting, if anyone was interested in attending, either virtually or in person.

Mayor Johnston spoke about the good work of our State Representative, Delia Haak, and encouraged everyone to look into the works of our legislation, and share any feelings and views with Ms. Haak.

***City Sales and Use & County Tax numbers for 2019-2021 were listed**


There being no other new business Mayor Johnston 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