

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

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 December 6, 2021. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order and, announced the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING
119 N. Nelson Ave. Cleanup Lien**

Property owner Larry Babcock was present and stated he had not understood that ALL of his property would be removed from the address of 119 N. Nelson Ave. and he had ladders, scaffolding, saws, etc. that had been removed. Hearing no further comments this portion of the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Alley Vacate Petition (Between S. Otis Ave./S. McKinnon Ave.)**

There being no public comment regarding this matter, this portion of the public hearing was closed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

Janice Arnold-present
Jason Barrett-present
Michael Crawford-present
Dan Erskin-present
Cindy Philpott-present
Jason Williams-present

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristi Reams; Jimmy Thorburn

City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

Others in attendance: Janie Parks, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Rick Craft, Larry Gregory with Garver, Larry Babcock, David Page, Justin Spafford- virtually, Randy Moll- virtually, Police Chief Clay Stewart and, Patrick Foy- virtually.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: November 1, 2021- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Philpott- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Arnold-pass Barrett-yes Crawford-yes
 Erksin-yes Philpott-yes Williams-yes

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

1. **Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda):** None
2. **Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** provided her December report. Updates: Ribbon cuttings for Fit Ops, Apple Crest Inn and, Sweeten Collective Co. were had in November and, Janie will be collecting for Gentry Neighbors to Neighbors up until Christmas Eve. Should anyone know of someone in need, please let her know.

United Way Update- \$7,475.00 was presented to the Gentry Public Library Association to be earmarked for the Gentry Public Library Maker Space.

Upcoming events included: Gentry Christmas Parade, December 11th at 6:30pm

Gentry Chamber of Commerce Quilt Show, January 14-21, 2022 in the McKee room of the Gentry Public Library

Main Street Revitalization Plan final Town Hall Meeting is still to be determined

3. **Gentry Public Schools:** Terrie Metz was unavailable, Jason Barrett noted the last day for students will be December 21st. School will remain closed for Christmas break thru December 4th. Mr. Barrett also expressed his thanks to our Fire and Police Chiefs, Cripps and Stewart- respectively, for all their hard work and dedication to the City of Gentry.

*At this time Mayor Johnston brought to council's attention that council member Kristi Reams had resigned her position and that position- Ward 2, was now vacant. He asked council to consider adding this issue to this evening's agenda. *

Motion: Barrett- to add the vacant council position to the #9 position on the night's agenda

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

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

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

- 6) **2022 Budget Resolution:** A Resolution Accepting and Adopting a Budget for the City of Gentry for the Year Commencing January 1, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022, and Appropriating Money for each and every item of Expenditure therein Provided for, and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Williams- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Rustic Flats Subdivision Final Plat Approval Ordinance:** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Rustic Flats Subdivision, Gentry, Arkansas; 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: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Erskin-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: Williams

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

Motion passed.

- 2) **Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Extension Resolution:** A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Solid Waste Collection Services; was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

3) **Round Prairie Subdivision Street Light Approval(s) Resolution:** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Gentry, Arkansas to Enter into Agreements for Additional Street Lights within the City, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

4) **Planning Commission Preliminary Plat Fee Ordinance:** An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Revise the fee for Preliminary Plats; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Erskin-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: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

5) **Planning Commission Special Meeting Fee Ordinance:** An Ordinance Revising Planning Commission Special Meeting Fee; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Erskin-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: Williams

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

Motion passed.

Procedure for Zoning Annexed Lands Amendment Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Revise the Procedures for Zoning Annexed Lands; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration: City Attorney Joel Kurtz provided an explanation for the Ordinance.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

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

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

7) **Elected Official & Planning Commission Salary Ordinance w/Emergency:** 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, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Arnold

Roll Call: Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Erskin-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: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Williams- to pass on emergency clause

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

8) **Mayoral Pay Structure Ordinance:** An Ordinance Setting the Pay Structure for the Mayor of the City of Gentry, Arkansas; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

9) **Ward 2 Position 2 Vacancy:** Mayor Johnston reiterated that Kristi Reams had resigned her position as council member and, David Page had expressed interest in filling said position.

Motion: Arnold- to replace council member Kristi Reams' by filling the vacancy with David Page

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, December 16, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.:**

***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: Williams

Second: Arnold

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.



CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT



MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY