# CITY OF GENTRY REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 November 1, 2021. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL: Jason Barrett, Michael Crawford, Dan Erskin, Kristi Reams (virtually), Cindy Philpott, Jimmy Thorburn and Jason Williams

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Janice Arnold

Others in attendance: Mayor Kevin Johnston, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, City Clerk Jenny Trout, Chamber of Commerce Director Janie Parks, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Randy Moll (virtually), Justin Spafford (virtually), and Larry Gregory with Garver.

## REVIEW OF MINUTES: October 4, 2021- Regular Council Meeting

**Motion:** Crawford- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Barrett- pass

Crawford-pass

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-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 presented a report of past and upcoming events including: There were between 1300 and 1400 kids that participated in Trick or Treat on Main. Janie expressed her thanks to Gentry Police and Fire Departments for their assistance. Congressman Womack's Mobile Office will be at the Gentry Chamber of Commerce building on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00p.m.; Gentry Christmas parade is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m on Main Street; Gentry Chamber of Commerce Quilt Show is scheduled for January 14-21, 2022 in the McKee Community Room from 10a.m.-5p.m. This event is sponsored by McKee Foods. A final town hall meeting date is to be determined regarding the downtown Gentry Revitalization Plan. A ribbon cutting and open house is planned for the Apple Crest Inn B&B, November 19, 2021 at 2:00p.m.

**3.** <u>Gentry Public Schools:</u> Terrie Metz was unavailable; Jason Barrett provided the following: a vaccine clinic for Gentry Public Schools staff last Friday providing Covid 19 booster shots; Gentry school district was the first in the region to "turn green"; football playoffs are on November 12<sup>th</sup>; basketball season to kickoff very soon and, Thanksgiving break is coming up.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Park Master Plan Update:
  - a) <u>Splashpad:</u> Mayor Johnston announced winterization of the splashpad had been completed and a list of additional maintenance items has been made for addressing at a later date.
  - b) <u>Sports Complex:</u> Justin Spafford with Flintco, provided an updated project report. Asphalt is scheduled to begin this week; sidewalks, netting, shades/scoreboards are all planned for the month of November and, the punchlist/closeouts are scheduled for the first week of December.
- 2) <u>Water Storage Facility Update:</u> Larry Gregory with Garver stated the painting, coating and logo on the tank were nearing completion, progress continues.
- 3) <u>119 N. Nelson Ave. Cleanup Update:</u> Mayor Johnston announced cleanup for this location had been completed. A public hearing is planned for next month to address the lien amount related to the cleanup of this property.
- 4) <u>117 N. Smith Ave. Cleanup Update:</u> Mayor Johnston stated the property owner is continuing to keep in touch with the him regarding progress, although progress has slowed again due to weather and equipment issues.
- 5) <u>Proposed Ordinance Amending Description of R-N Zone:</u> An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Revise the Description of the Residential Neighborhood Zoning District; and for Other Purposes was presented for review and consideration:

**Motion:** Barrett- to suspend the rules and read by heading only and, for all Ordinances remaining on this evening's agenda

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Phipott-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

Motion: Crawford- to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings with a single vote

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Thorburn-yes

Williams-yes Reams-yes Barrett-yes Phipott-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Wastewater Master Plan RFQ:</u> Mayor Johnston presented the Request for Qualification: RFQ 21-01, for engineering services. Having received one Qualification Summary form from Garver, for consideration.

Motion: Barrett- that authorization be given for negotiations to begin with Garver and, should

an agreement not be reached, the process begin again

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

Annexation Ordinance (Jones/Stricker): An Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Lands to the City of Gentry; Assigning said Lands to a Ward; Designating the Zoning of said Lands; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Erskin

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

Administrative Fees (City Hall/Library): An Ordinance Establishing Administrative Fee Schedule; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

4) <u>Ordinance- Business (Occupational) License Late Fees:</u> An Ordinance Establishing a Late Fee for Business Licenses; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

5) <u>Ordinance- Microchip Fees:</u> An Ordinance Revising Microchip Fees; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

6) Ordinance- Hydrant Meter Fees: An Ordinance Establishing Fees and Procedures for Use of Hydrant Water Meters; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

7) Ordinance- Amending/Removing/Rescinding Obsolete Language (Board of

Review/Amusements Games/Water Service Reconnection: An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Remove Reference to Board of Review; Rescind Regulation of Amusement Games; Remove Reconnection Deposit; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes Cr

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

8) Ordinance-Building/Plumbing/Electrical Permit Fees: An Ordinance Revising City Permit Fees; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

9) Ordinance-HVAC Permit Fees: An Ordinance Establishing Fee Schedule for HVAC Permits; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

10) Ordinance-Park Reservation Fees: An Ordinance Updating Park Reservation Fees; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration; City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only:

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

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

11) Resolution- Alley Vacate (Block 3 Pierson's Addition) Public Hearing: A Resolution Setting for Hearing Petition to Vacate a Portion of An Alley Running North and South Between South Otis Avenue and South McKinnon Avenue on December 6, 2021, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Thorburn- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Barrett

Roll Call: Williams-yes

Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes

Erskin-yes

Reams-yes

Philpott-yes

Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

**2022** Budget: Mayor Johnston presented council members with the 2022 preliminary budget for review; plans for committee meetings in order to consider the budget, were discussed.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

- \*Planning Commission Meeting, November 18, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.:
- \*Citywide Cleanup Update: another success; 200 trees given away
- \*WFF Trees: approximately another 160 trees are to be planted at the ballfields
- \*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: Thorburn Second: Crawford

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

CVTY CLERK

JENNY TROUT

MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON

**CITY OF GENTRY**