

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 6:30 p.m. on February 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, John English, Justin Spafford, Rick Craft, Janie Parks and Chris with McClelland Consulting Engineers.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: January 4, 2021- Regular Virtual Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Kristi Reams

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** announced business continues as usual. Revitalization of Main Street is still in the works. The Chamber of Commerce banquet has been cancelled but, business citizen of the year nominations are still being taken. Plans for the annual Easter Egg hunt are still uncertain; Freedom Fest is still on schedule at this time.
- 3. Gentry Public Schools – Jason Barrett** spoke on behalf of Terrie Metz and expressed appreciation to Heartland Pharmacy for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic on January 19th, noting the second round was set for February 9th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Park Master Plan Update:**

- a) Splashpad: Colors/Products, etc.: Chris with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. presented suggested plans/views for the splashpad and stated the Contractor, (RJR), is compiling the final bid.

- b) Sports Complex: GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) Acceptance: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Flintco, LLC for Construction Manager at Risk Services for Phase One of A Sports Complex to be Built at 10721 Browning Road, Gentry, Arkansas, was presented for review and consideration. John English with Flintco and, Justin Stafford stated bid day had been a success and that the scope review meetings were very fruitful. Items included in the bid are; drainage, utilities, irrigation, landscaping, etc. Mayor Johnston also stated he plans to hold a presentation for possible donors in hopes of obtaining additional funding in order to complete the sports complex in its entirety.

Motion: Crawford- to pass the resolution as presented

Second: Erskin

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

Motion passed.

2) **Water Storage Facility Update:** Mayor Johnston stated progress continues, and foundation work is underway.

3) **317 S. Collins Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the property owner is still cleaning up and should wrap up quickly.

4) **119 N. Nelson Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated progress is continuing.

5) **117 N. Smith Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the inspection of the property had been completed and the deficiency list would be presented to the property owner with hopes of further information to be provided at the March council meeting.

6) **104 N. Collins Ave. Purchase Agreement Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land from Church of God (Holiness) Foundation,** was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

- 7) **Rezoning Ordinance (Klassen R-1 to C-2) Passed 1st Reading: An Ordinance Amending Appendix B of the City of Gentry Municipal Code Regarding Zoning Of Certain Lands Located within the City; 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: Arnold-No Barrett-yes Crawford-yes Erskin-yes
 Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only.

Motion: Williams- to pass ordinance on 2nd and 3rd reading

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Arnold-No Barrett-No Crawford-yes Erskin-yes
 Philpott-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes Williams-yes

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Undercover Operations Fund Amendment Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Section 2.36.05 of the Gentry Municipal Code; and for Other Purposes**, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed. 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 Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes
 Erskin-yes Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

- 2) **Annexation Petition Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Petition for Annexation; and for Other Purposes**, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Williams-to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Main Street Gentry Association Agreement Resolution: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Execute an Agreement with the Main Street Gentry Association; Waiving Competitive Bidding; and for Other Purposes,** was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **Water Rate Amendment Ordinance w/Emergency: An Ordinance Amending the Water rates for the City of Gentry, Arkansas, to be Effective on the Billing Due March 10, 2021; 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: Thorburn

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

Motion passed. 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 Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes
 Erskin-yes Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes

Motion passed.

Motion: Williams- to pass on emergency clause

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

- 5) **2020 Budget Amendment Resolution: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 19-607 Appropriating Money and Expenditures for the Year Commencing January 1, 2020, and Ending on December 31, 2020; and for Other Purposes,** was presented for review and consideration: Mayor Johnston explained each line presented:

Motion: Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn and Philpott

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

Motion passed.

6) **2021 Committee Appointments:** Mayor Johnston presented the following list:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>
Personnel	Erskin (Chair), Arnold, Reams
Street & Alley	Williams (Chair), Barrett, Crawford
Water & Wastewater	Arnold (Chair), Thorburn, Williams
Parks & Cemetery	Thorburn (Chair), Barrett, Reams
Finance	Crawford (Chair), Erskin, Philpott
Fire	Barrett (Chair), Thorburn, Williams
Police	Philpott (Chair), Crawford, Erskin
Safety	Cripps, Donohew, Stewart, Smithson
Library & Community Center	Reams (Chair), Arnold, Philpott
Economic Development	Barrett, Carney, Crawford, Parks, Philpott

*At this time Mayor Johnston opened the floor to Fire Chief Vester Cripps regarding possible purchase of a rescue truck. Chief Cripps stated a 2002 rescue truck had been located and was up for purchase via auction. The vehicle shows to have 13,000 miles and is approximately twice the size of the City's current rescue truck, and is valued between \$200-\$250,000. The funds for purchase of the vehicle would come from the fire sinking fund, and the current rescue truck would then be used as a back-up vehicle.

Motion: Barrett- to authorize Chief Cripps to work towards purchase of the truck, not to exceed \$40,000 and buyer's premium which is 12.5%

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Philpott- Ms. Philpott lost connection and was unable to cast her vote

Thorburn-yes Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes

Crawford-yes Erskin-yes Reams-yes

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, February 18, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.**

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

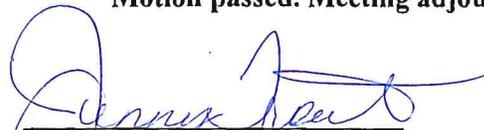
There being no other new business Mayor Johnston entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Barrett- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Thorburn

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT


MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY