

**GENTRY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 117 N. Smith Ave. Condemnation

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Review of Minutes: April 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

1. Public Comment (Item(s) Not on Presented Agenda)
2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks
3. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Park Master Plan Update
  - a. Splashpad Update
  - b. Sports Complex Update
2. Water Storage Facility Update
3. Spring Clean-Up/Tree Giveaway Event Update
4. 119 N. Nelson Ave. Update
5. Condemnation Resolution – 117 N. Smith Ave.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Any items that may arise after the publication of this Agenda must be voted on, to be heard, by the majority of the City Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Planning Commission Meeting, May 20, 2021 @ 7pm

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
City Sales & Use	\$56,740.97	\$106,950.36	\$112,572.73
County Tax	\$56,971.08	\$63,004.67	\$69,944.04

**CITY OF GENTRY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 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 April 5, 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 Attorney Joel Kurtz, and others.

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

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

**Second:** Williams

**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** stated Freedom Fest is set for July 3<sup>rd</sup>; fireworks and a few food vendors are planned. The fishing derby is set for June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 for children up to the age of 12.
- 3. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz** stated prom is set for April 10<sup>th</sup>; scholarship night is April 26<sup>th</sup>; last day for seniors is May 7<sup>th</sup> and graduation will be May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) **Park Master Plan Update:**

- a) Splashpad Project Update: Mayor Johnston announced parts have been ordered and are on the way
- b) Sports Complex: Justin Spafford stated clearing is underway, dirt work has begun; working from NE to SW, drainage and electrical preparations are in the works as well.

2) **Water Storage Facility Update:**

At this time Larry Gregory stated the tower is rising and is about half-way up at this point.

3) **119 N. Nelson Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the owner had a delay, no progress has been made the last few weeks.

4) **117 N. Smith Ave. Update:** Mayor Johnston stated Cletus Dalla Rosa submitted a plan and would like a year to tear it down. Many complaints have been voiced.

**Motion:** Barrett- to set this matter for public hearing: resolution for condemnation

**Second:** Philpott

<b>Roll Call:</b> Arnold-yes	Barrett-yes	Crawford-yes	Erskin-yes
Reams-yes	Philpott-yes	Thorburn-yes	Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) **Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance:** An Ordinance Amending the Gentry Municipal Code to Adopt the Residential Neighborhood Zoning District; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration.

After discussion, including comments from James Ferguson speaking in favor of:

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

**Second:** Erskin

<b>Roll Call:</b> Arnold-yes	Barrett-yes	Crawford-yes	Erskin-yes
Reams-yes	Philpott-yes	Thorburn-yes	Williams-yes

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

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

**Second:** Arnold

<b>Roll Call:</b> Arnold-yes	Barrett-yes	Crawford-yes	Erskin-yes
Reams-yes	Philpott-yes	Thorburn-yes	Williams-yes

**Motion passed.**



