

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a regular session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on January 6, 2020. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney, Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Williams

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief Clay Stewart, Fire Chief V. Cripps, Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Maxine Foster, Mike Parks, Janie Parks, Terrie Metz, Jim Kooistra, Tony Noblin and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: December 2, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Cindy Philpott

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

Motion approved.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda)** No new comments
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented a partial 2020 calendar of events including the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet in February, the Easter Egg Hunt set for April 11th at 1:00p.m., etc. Janie also made known that a donation of \$40,000.00 was made to United Way and will be used as an extension of the park project to revitalize the main street area. More information will be provided in the future.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the January calendar of events, everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz** stated school was back in session after the holiday break and a school board meeting was scheduled for January 13th, as well as a booster club meeting scheduled for January 31st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Mayor Johnston stated bid opening was scheduled for January 22nd and progress was moving along nicely. Further updates to be provided as this project progresses.
- 2) **Park Master Plan Update:** Progress continues to move forward including requests for proposals, etc. Future updates will continue to be provided.
- 3) **Condemnation Process Update- 119 N. Nelson Ave.:** Mayor Johnston stated the property owner had submitted a plan for a remodel of the property. Updates will continue as this matter progresses.
- 4) **State Aid Street Project Update:** Mayor Johnston stated all paving, with the exception of Fulton Ave., has been completed. This covered approximately 2.5 miles.
- 5) **Hwy 12 & 43 Waterline Relocation Project Update:** Mayor Johnston stated all waterlines were now in place regarding this matter and construction on the round-about should begin sometime around April.
- 6) **2019 Budget Amendment Resolution:** A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 18-580 Appropriating Money and Expenditures for the Year Commencing January 1, 2019, and Ending on December 31, 2019; and for Other Purposes, was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Motion: Barrett- to pass the Resolution

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Ordinance Rezoning Certain Lands (Steele) w/Emergency Clause:** was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

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

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading only: 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.

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

Second: Erskin

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Barrett- to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

- 2) **Main Street Gentry Association Agreement Ordinance w/Emergency Clause:** was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

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

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading only: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to Execute an Agreement with the Main Street Gentry Association; Waiving Competitive Bidding; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes.

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

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Barrett-to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Planning Commission Appointment Resolution:** A Resolution Re-Appointing Tammie Runyan to Gentry Planning Commission was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Motion: Barrett- to pass the Resolution as presented

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **Park Advisory Committee Appointment Resolution:** A Resolution Appointing Members to Positions 8 and 10- Gentry Park Advisory Committee, was presented for review and consideration with Josh Coones to Position 8 and Richard Stripling to Position 10.

Motion: Crawford- to pass the Resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

- 5) **2020 Regular Council Meeting Schedule:** Mayor Johnston presented the Council with the 2020 meeting schedule for review and discussion. It was noted the only potential conflict appeared in September. Alternative dates were considered.

Motion: Barrett- to schedule the September meeting for the 2nd Tuesday, Sept. 8th

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

- 6) **2020 Council Committee Appointments & Meetings:** After some discussion it was decided things would remain as they are, with the exception of increasing notice prior to each meeting, and this matter would be revisited at a later date if necessary.

- 7) **Council Meeting Procedural Rules and Format:** After review and, discussing the current rules and format:

Motion: Erskin- to keep the current rules and format as is

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Planning Commission Meeting, January 16, 2020 @ 7:00p.m.

City Sales & Use & County Tax numbers were provided for 2018, 2019 & 2020

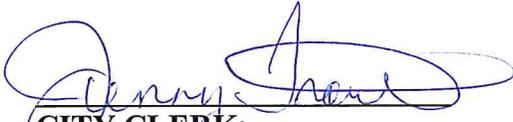
There being no other new business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Reams- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Barrett

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT


MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY