

**CITY OF GENTRY  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

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 June 6, 2022. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:**

Janice Arnold- Present  
Jason Barrett- Present  
Michael Crawford- Present  
Dan Erskin- Present  
David Page- Absent  
Jimmy Thorburn- Present  
Cindy Philpott- Present  
Jason Williams- Present

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** \*David Page\* absent for roll call

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES: May 2, 2022- Regular Council Meeting**

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

**Second:** Arnold

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

**Motion passed.**

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

**Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda):** None.

\*Let it be noted council member David Page joined the meeting virtually, at this time.\*

1. **Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce** – Janie Parks presented her monthly report to the council which included the Splash Fest/Movie Night in the Park on May 27<sup>th</sup> was a great hit. The Chamber Fishing Derby June 4, 2022 was a success. Gentry Cruise Night on June 4, 2022 also went well. A ribbon cutting for the Gentry Sports Complex was held this evening, with a big turnout. Having played for the Gentry “City Team” 70 years ago, Mr. Danny Feemster threw out the first pitch! Ember Mountain Coffee Ribbon Cutting is set for June 10 at 2:00p.m. Beavertails Pop Up will be back in town on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00- 8:00p.m. and will be located next to C&J Liquor. Freedom Fest is set for July 4, 2022 from Noon to fireworks in the Gentry City Park. Pickin’ Time on 59 is September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Trick or Treat on Main Street will be October 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 5:30p.m. and, the Gentry Christmas Parade is set for December 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Gentry Public Schools**- Terrie Metz was unavailable. Jason Barrett announced there was nothing new except that, it is summertime and, they are preparing for next year.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 1) **Park Master Plan Update:**

- a) **Splashpad:** Mayor Johnston announced things were rockin’ and rollin’ at the splash pad and finalization of punch-list items is wrapping up.
- b) **Sports complex:** A ribbon cutting for the sports complex was held this evening at 5:15 with Danny Feemster throwing out the first pitch. Tournaments began tonight and will continue through the week.
  - i.) **Signage (Name):** It was unanimously decided the name will remain The Gentry Sports Complex
  - ii.) **Usage & Fees Policy:** Mayor Johnston suggested these items be reviewed and discussed by the committee before finalization. All members were in agreement.

- 2) **Water Storage Facility Update:** Larry Gregory with Garver announced the water tank is full and is currently being disinfected. The punch-list is being given a walk through and site work clean up is taking place. The project is wrapping up!
- 3) **420 S. Byers Ave. Nuisance Declaration Resolution:** A Resolution Declaring the Property Located at 420 S. Byers Avenue in the City of Gentry to be a Nuisance; Providing a Period of Time for the Property Owners to Abate said Nuisance; and for Other Purposes, was presented for council review and consideration. City Attorney Joel Kurtz advised council of the progress made to this point and options for moving forward. Property owner Carl Walters was present and stated he had been working on the property every day weather permitting, and had hauled off a lot of items and, had repaired the fence on the property. After discussion:



**Motion:** Barrett- to pass on three readings with a single vote, approving as revised

**Second:** Williams

**Roll Call:** Erskin

**Motion** Erskin-yes    Page-yes    Philpott-yes    Thorburn-yes  
                 Williams-yes    Arnold-yes    Barrett-yes    Crawford-yes

**Motion passed.**

2. **Police Dept. Patrol Car Purchase Resolution:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Gentry to Execute a Purchase Agreement to Purchase a Used Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Sedan; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration. Police Chief Clay Stewart addressed the council and provided explanation of the need for a new police vehicle. After discussion:

**Motion:** Thorburn- to pass the resolution as presented

**Second:** Erskin

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

**Motion passed.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:**

\***Planning Commission Meeting, June 16, 2022 @ 7:00p.m.**

\* **Auditors reports for Water & Sewer, Financial Statements and Other Reports, were provided to all council members within their packets**

\***City Sales and Use & County Tax numbers for 2020-2022 were listed**

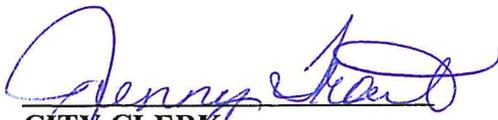
There being no other new business:

**Motion:** Arnold-to adjourn

**Second:** Thorburn

**All in favor. None opposed.**

**Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**

  
CITY CLERK:  
JENNY TROUT

  
MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSTON  
CITY OF GENTRY