

**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 3rd; fireworks and a few food vendors are planned. The fishing derby is set for June 26th 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 10th; scholarship night is April 26th; last day for seniors is May 7th and graduation will be May 14th.

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

Roll Call: 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

Roll Call: 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

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

Motion passed.

- 2) **Rezoning Ordinance (E. Arkansas-McKee Dr./N. Collins- Railroad Ave.)** 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:

After discussion and an expression of appreciation from James Ferguson:

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Fire Department Rescue Truck Purchase Resolution:** A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds to Purchase a 2001 KME Rescue-Pumper Truck; Waiving Competitive Bidding; and for Other Purposes, was presented for consideration:

Fire Chief Vester Cripps provided information on the purchase, including that a great deal of equipment comes with the truck, increasing the value for more than the purchase price. He also mentioned he was able to get the price down from \$60,000 to \$50,000.

Motion: Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **Land Purchase Agreement/West Main St., Mae Dove:** A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 3.5 Acres of Land within the City of Gentry, Arkansas and Authorizing the Grant of an Access Easement, was presented for review and consideration.

After discussion:

Motion: Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Erskin

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

Motion passed.

- 5) **Final Plat Approval Ordinance- Grand Estates Phase 2:** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Grand Estates, Phase 2, Gentry, Arkansas; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

After discussion:

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

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

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

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Spring Clean-Up Event w/Tree Giveaway, April 10-11th, 2021 8a-4p**

*Mayor Johnston stated a congratulations on a successful Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

*Update on sidewalks: between Ozark Adventist Academy and Flint Creek Nature Area; exploring grant options for trail from McKee/Collins to the new park.

***Planning Commission Meeting, April 15, 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: Crawford- 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