

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a virtual session at the Council Chambers and, at various locations at 6:30 p.m. on May 4, 2020. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. Given the circumstances it was agreed the invocation would be by-passed for this session.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Members: None

Others in attendance: Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, City Clerk Jenny Trout, as well as various engineering and construction representatives; Chris Bakunas w/ McClelland, Kevin Faught w/ Stephens and Larry Gregory w/ Garver.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: April 6, 2020- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Barrett

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

Motion approved.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda) None.**
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** was not available to present any new information at this time.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center-** Maxine Foster was not present this meeting, but it was stated the Center began home delivery of meals this week and, are anticipating a tentative re-opening date of June 1st.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools – Jason Barrett**, on behalf of **Terrie Metz**, announced the schools have designated May 19th as Teacher appreciation day with a parade/drive thru for students to say goodbye, (more details to come). May 21-22 is set for the Chromebook drop off event, (more info with specifics is expected). May 22nd will be the last day of school and, meal services will continue as scheduled through the end of the school year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Mayor Johnston was happy to announce progress continues and the City had received its first reimbursement check this same day, related to the first invoice.

2) **Park Master Plan Update:**

a) **Property Purchase Agreement Resolution-** A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 27.44 Acres of Land; and for Other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration: at this time City Attorney Joel Kurtz announced a revision to the Resolution would be made to include the names of the property owners, along with the LLC, should the Council agree.

Motion: Crawford- to pass Resolution as presented and, to include names of the property owners, along with the LLC

Second: Philpott

Roll Call: Erskin-yes Reams-yes Philpott-yes Thorburn-yes

Williams- pass Arnold-yes Barrett-yes Crawford-yes

Motion passed.

b) **Splashpad:** Chris Bakunas was online to present the Opinion of Probable Cost sheet and answer any questions. It was clarified that RJR would be the design consultant and, plans should be ready sometime in mid-June; public input is still required and Mayor Johnston is hopeful that will be a possibility sometime in July; construction should take approximately 2-3 months, once it has begun. All Council members stated they were in favor of moving forward regarding the plans for the splashpad.

3) **Water Storage Facility Update-** Kevin Faught was online to field any questions and to discuss the financing options for Gentry Y City Road:

a) **Financing Options:** Mr. Faught stated this estimate was based on a loan between \$3.6 and \$3.7 million dollars plus, an additional 15% which had been added for construction costs, which totaled \$4.6 million. It was also noted, should the City decide to go this route, it was possible the interest rate would fluctuate with the uncertainty of the current economic situation. With ANRC financing, there would be limits and time constraints which could delay construction even further. After thorough discussion among the Council members, it was decided the City of Gentry would proceed with the traditional financing options: **it should be noted that the 15% pertains to the potential increase due to specific requirements, such as, but not limited to; "Buy American", "Davis/Bacon Wage Rates", and other similar guidelines pertaining to the utilization of federal funding.**

Motion: Barrett- to proceed using traditional funding options with assistance from Kevin Faught w/ Stephens

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Records Destruction Affidavits-** Mayor Johnston presented Council members with the Records Destruction Affidavits. After review and consideration:

Motion: Arnold- to proceed with records destruction as presented

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

* **Planning Commission Meeting, May 21, 2020 @ 7:00p.m.**

* **Citywide Clean-Up, May 30-31, 2020 (tentative)**

* **City Sales & Use & County Tax for 2018, 2019 & 2020 were listed.**

* **Jason Barrett and other Council members voiced their appreciation and thanks to Mayor Kevin Johnston for establishing the ability to hold virtual meetings during this time, regarding the pandemic.**

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

Motion: Barrett- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Arnold

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed; meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT


MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY