

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 March 7, 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 (virtually)
David Page- Present
Jimmy Thorburn-Present
Cindy Philpott-Present
Jason Williams-Present

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Others in attendance: Mayor- Kevin Johnston, City Attorney- Joel Kurtz, City Clerk- Jenny Trout, Fire Chief-Vester Cripps, Police Chief- Clay Stewart, Chamber of Commerce Director- Janie Parks, Randy Moll (virtually), Larry Gregory, Justin Spafford (virtually), Steven Bishop of Bishop Properties, James Krein, and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 7, 2022- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Arnold- to accept the minutes as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda):** None.
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented her monthly report to the council which included: Chamber Easter Egg Hunt set for April 16, 2022 at 1:00p.m. at the Gentry City Park. Chamber Awards & Business/Community Night is set for April 21, 2022 from 6:30-8:00p.m. The Chamber Fishing Derby is set for June 4, 2022 from 9:00a.m. to Noon at the Flint Creek Nature Park and Freedom Fest is set for July 4, 2022 from Noon to fireworks in the Gentry City Park.

Janie also noted donations received for the Neighbors to Neighbors program, made it possible to pay over \$2,000.00 for overdue utility accounts. Ribbon cutting ceremonies are still being determined for new businesses, along with expansions and, construction of others.

Gentry Public Schools- Terrie Metz stated a musical was scheduled for this week and, Spring break is in two weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Park Master Plan Update:

- a) **Splashpad:** Mayor Johnston announced the turf has been delivered, stone work continues and, further updates will be provided as progress continues.
- b) **Sports Complex:** Justin Spafford announced finalizing the trail, landscaping and touch ups, should be completed soon, weather permitting. He also told council members some punch list items had been touched on including, screening upgrades to netting areas, like dugouts, which will offer better protection and, work on the concrete around the East pavilion.

2) Water Storage Facility Update: Larry Gregory stated construction should be completed this week and work on the punch list items continue.

3) 117 N. Smith Ave. Update: Mayor Johnston reminded council members that the original land owner had been given time to remove any personal items from the property and, that time continues but, should be coming to an end and, the new owner is looking forward to clearing the property as soon as possible.

4) ACEDP Grant Update: Mayor Johnston shared with council members the letter of approval regarding the City’s application to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, regarding the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program. A recommendation that the City of Gentry should receive \$192,150.00 in funds, has been made. Meetings should begin next month and, Mayor Johnston will continue to update all, as things progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Bishop Subdivision Final Plat Approval Ordinance: An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Bishop Subdivision, Gentry, Arkansas; and for other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Page

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

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

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

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

- 2) **Pioneer Woods Subdivision Phase 4 Final Plat Approval Ordinance:** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Pioneer Woods Subdivision, Phase 4, Gentry, Arkansas; and for other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Williams

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

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

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Sunset Ridge Phase 5 Final Plat Approval Ordinance:** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Sunset Ridge Subdivision Phase 5, Gentry, Arkansas; and for other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Thorburn

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

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

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

Second: Page

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **Authorized Check Signer Resolution:** A Resolution Designating those Persons Authorized to sign City Checks; and for other Purposes was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Williams- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, March 17, 2022 @ 7:00p.m.:**

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

Mayor Johnston mentioned dates for the Spring cleanup, are being considered and discussed and, cleanup will likely take place mid-April.

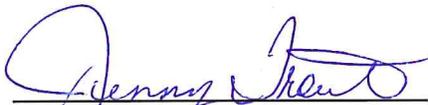
There being no other new business:

Motion: Williams

Second: Page

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.



**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**



**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**