

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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 June 1, 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	
Kristi Reams	Jimmy Thorburn	Jason Williams	Cindy Philpott

Absent Members: Dan Erskin

Others in attendance: Randy Moll, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, City Clerk Jenny Trout, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Steve Young, and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: May 4, 2020- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented noting: **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.**

Second: Crawford

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- 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, but provided a calendar of events to Council Members which included cancellation of the usual July 4th Freedom Fest, due to the pandemic; Pickin’ Time on 59 is scheduled for September 24-26; Glow Ride is set for September 26th and, multiple ribbon cutting ceremonies to be determined.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center-** Maxine Foster was not present this meeting, but it was stated the Center re-opened June 1st. But has since been determined to be incorrect.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools –** Jason Barrett, on behalf of **Terrie Metz**, voiced a big thank you to Mayor Johnston for the graduation banners displayed along Main Street and at City Hall and, stated a tentative date of July 10th has been set for graduation ceremonies to take place at Pioneer Stadium.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Mayor Johnston was happy to announce progress continues to move forward.

- 2) **Park Master Plan Update:**
 - a) **10721 Browning Rd. Property Purchase Update:** Mayor Johnston stated the closing was completed Thursday, April 30, 2020 and a geotechnical survey was underway.

 - b) **Splashpad Update:** Mayor Johnston stated he hoped to have designs completed in the coming weeks; further information will follow.

 - c) **Outdoor Recreational Grant Program Site(s) Visit:** Mayor Johnston stated a meeting has been scheduled with the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District (NWAEDD) and the Outdoor Grant Program Director.

 - d) **TAP Grant Update (S. Smith Trail Improvement):** Mayor Johnston updated that 30% drawings have been provided by McClelland for this project and said he thought a new sign should be considered for the park at the intersection of S. Smith Ave. and 3rd St. He also mentioned that he is working with Patty Irwin in reference to the possibility of planting trees along the sidewalk there.

 - e) **RTP Grant Update (Pedestrian Walk Bridge @ FNCA):** Mayor Johnston announced that opening bids would begin June 24th at 2:00p.m. Also stating this information had been advertised in the newspaper as well as the McClellan website.

- 3) **Water Storage Facility Update:** Plans have been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Health. It is hopeful that bids will be advertised in July with an opportunity for consideration and approval at the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Sandy Acres Subdivision Phase 1- Final Plat Acceptance Ordinance-** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Sandy Acres Subdivision Phase 1, Gentry, Arkansas; and for Other Purposes was presented to Council for and consideration:

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed. Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

2. **Cities Are Essential Support Resolution:** A Resolution Expressing Support for Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Financial Assistance to Reopen and Rebuild Local Economies was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Crawford- to approve the Resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion passed.

3. **Engine Brake Prohibition:** It was suggested this matter be presented to the Safety Committee for consideration and brought back to Council in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, June 18, 2020 @ 7:00p.m.**

*** Citywide Clean-Up, May 30-31, 2020 was very successful: 100 cubic yards of waste was removed; approximately 200 tires, electronics, etc. Mayor Johnston voiced a big Thank you! to the public works department for all their hard work and assistance in making this happen. He also mentioned the City hopes to have another clean up in the Fall.**

*** City Sales & Use & County Tax for 2018, 2019 & 2020 were listed and Mayor Johnston stated the City is in hopes of holding strong.**

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

Motion: Arnold- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Reams

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed; meeting adjourned.

**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**

**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**