

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a regular session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on July 8, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

Jason Barrett	Michael Crawford	Dan Erskin
Cindy Philpott	Kristi Reams	Jason Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janice Arnold; Jimmy Thorburn

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster, Jim Kooistra, Interim Police Chief Clay Stewart, Kevin Faught with Stephens (Underwriters), Jill Grimsley and Randy Moll.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: June 3, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Michael Crawford

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

Motion approved.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda)** No new comments
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented the calendar of events and included a long list of “thanks” for those assisting and sponsoring Freedom Fest 2019- which was another big success.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the July calendar of events. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools –Jason Barrett spoke on behalf of Terrie Metz:** School is out. The stadium is currently closed for new lighting, a roof project is also underway; preparations for the upcoming school year will begin soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Progress continues to move forward. An updated estimate of cost sheet was provided for Council review and it was stated contractors for the utilities should be arriving soon.

2) **Park Master Plan Update-**

a) A Bond Issuance Special Election Ordinance w/Emergency Clause was presented to the Council for consideration.

Motion: Barrett- To Suspend the Rules and Read by Heading Only

Second: Erskin

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

Motion Approved. Attorney Joel Kurtz read by Heading Only

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

Second: Erskin

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

Motion Approved.

Motion: Barrett- to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Crawford

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

Motion Approved. The Ordinance will be recorded with the Benton County Clerk's office as well as the Election Commission and will be published announcing the Special Election to be held on September 10, 2019.

3) **Water Storage Facility Update** – Mayor Johnston stated discussions are continuing with the Simmons Plant regarding independent v. joint facilities projects. Rates as well as additional information continue to be reviewed and will likely be re-presented at a later date.

4) **State Aid Street Program Approval Resolution-** A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Gentry to utilize state aid street funds for the overlay and surfacing of certain city streets (ARDOT JOB C04017), was presented to the council for review and consideration. Having been awarded the full grant amount of \$250,000 a motion to accept the Resolution as presented was made

Motion: Williams- to accept the Resolution as presented

Second: Erskin

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

Motion approved.

- 5) **Shockey Right-Of-Way Easement Donation Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the council with a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept Right-of-way donation from the Shockey Family on behalf of the City, for consideration and review

Motion: Williams- to accept Resolution as presented

Second: Philpott

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

Motion approved.

- 6) **Larson Property Purchase Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the council with a Resolution authorizing the purchase of 4.35 acres of land within the City of Gentry; and for other purposes

Motion: Barrett- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Reams

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

Motion approved.

- 7) **Gee Property Purchase Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the council with a Resolution Authorizing the purchase of 0.4 acres of land and improvements thereon within the City of Gentry; and for other purposes

Motion: Erskin- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Barrett

Roll Call: Williams- No Barrett- yes Crawford- yes
 Erskin- yes Reams- yes Philpott- yes

Motion approved.

- 8) **Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant Update-** Mayor Johnston announced that in regard to the \$75,000 grant the City of Gentry received last year, 50+ trees have been planted throughout the City, including the City's new Christmas tree as well as the implementation of "pocket orchards". The city is currently applying for another grant for further growth of the community.

9) **Hwy 12 & 43 Water Easement Acquisitions Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the council with a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to acquire easements, for review and consideration

Motion: Barrett- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Reams

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

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

* **Planning Commission Meeting, July 18, 2019 @ 7:00p.m**

* The City's Sales and Use Tax disbursements were listed for 2017-2019

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

Motion: Reams- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Philpott

All in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned.



CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT



MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY