

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

Meeting Called to Order (Regular Council Meeting)
Invocation
Roll Call
Review of Minutes: February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting
February 27, 2019 Special Council Meeting

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

1. Public Comment (Item(s) Not on Presented Agenda)
2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks
3. Gentry Senior Activity Center – Maxine Foster
4. Gentry Public Schools – Terrie Metz

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dawn Hill East Bridge Update
2. Park Master Plan Update
3. Water Storage Facility Update
4. Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant Update
5. Sign Ordinance Update
6. Feral Cats

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.

Any items that may arise after the publication of this Agenda must be voted on, to be heard, by the majority of the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Planning Commission Meeting, March 21, 2019 @ 7pm
- City-Wide Beautification Event, April 6 & 7, 2019 8am-4pm

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
City Sales & Use	\$50,065.59	\$57,902.31	\$75,126.65
County Tax	\$66,898.95	\$78,431.11	\$70,797.80

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 February 4, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Members: Dan Erskin

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief K. Smith, Fire Chief V. Cripps, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster, and others.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: January 7, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Jason Barrett

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes
Philpott- yes Reams- yes Thorburn- 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 including the Gentry Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet set for March 7, 2019 at 6:30, to take place at the Wooden Spoon Restaurant and, Freedom Fest 2019 which is set for Thursday, July 4 from 12:00-10:00p.m. in the City Park.
3. **Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the February calendar of events. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
4. **Gentry Public Schools – Jason Barrett** on behalf of **Terrie Metz** announced upcoming Basketball events and dates.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Notice was received to proceed with the design aspect. We are moving along with the project schedule.
 - 2) **Park Master Plan Update –** Mayor Johnston stated discussions were continuing and noted there will be park committee meetings beginning soon.

- 3) **Water Storage Facility Update-** It is possible there will be 2 phases to this project. Updates to follow as soon as available.
- 4) **RTP Grant (FCNA Walk Bridge)-** Notice was received we were approved for the walk bridge grant. Projected Total \$151,250.00. Also noted at this time was that notice was received we were not approved for the TAP grant regarding a sidewalk by the Gentry Intermediate School to the Fire Station.
- 5) **Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant:** The \$75,000 grant in which over 200 trees were provided, proved successful with remaining funds still available. Mayor Johnston will be meeting with the foundation in order to map out possible additional locations for further planting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Public Meeting (ARDOT-HWY 12 & 43 Rural Roundabout)-** Notice of Public Meeting by ARDOT has been distributed and will take place at the Gentry Public Library on February 28th from 4:00-7:00p.m.
- 2) **The Orchards of Gentry, LLC-**An Architects rendering of the intentions of the new addition was provided for all to review and will be presented at the next Planning Commission Meeting on Thursday, February 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

***Planning Commission Meeting, February 21, 2019 @ 7:00p.m.**

Fire Chief Vester Cripps announced that the EMS transport and response to calls are going even better than expected, with estimated turn around time to be under 20 minutes per call.

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

Motion: Barrett- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Williams

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion Approved.

**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**

**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**

**CITY OF GENTRY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a special session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on February 27, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Members: Dan Erskin

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, Janie Parks, Mike Parks, Maxine Foster, Kevin Browers, Shelia Browers, Delton Williams, Randy Moll, Wanda Meyer, Jim Kooistra, April Allen, Emily Smith, Steve Smith, Josh Kimberly, Fred Tennant, Mark Smithson, Teresa Lowry, Leon Wilmoth, Lewis Wilmoth and others.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Rezone Request-Fox Trot Ridge Subdivision (Portion)

Motion: Barrett- to Suspend the Rules and Read by Heading Only the Ordinance on this agenda.

Second: Arnold

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

City Attorney Joel Kurtz Read by Heading Only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B OF THE CITY OF GENTRY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ZONING OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The floor was then open for public comment and discussion.

Mr. Browers asked how many units would be built within the new development. A representative of Economic Growth Corporation stated those numbers were not yet finalized; at which time Mayor Kevin Johnston stated the rezone is the only thing being considered at this meeting, and explained there are many more steps to come before those numbers are available.

The question was raised as to what the “emergency” was. City Attorney Joel Kurtz explained that for purposes of city government it is common language that basically means the wish is to pass the ordinance sooner, rather than waiting the 91 days.

The question was then asked, what the hurry was? It was stated within the Ordinance; “sale of the described Property is dependent upon a rezone.”

Concerns regarding traffic on Highways 59 & 12 were voiced.

Mayor Kevin Johnston provided an example of why the need for the development was important to the City of Gentry by informing those present of the number of students within the community that are currently on free or reduced lunches within the Gentry school district, which is at an alarming 63%.

Some stated the fear of the rezone passing was due to not knowing what is to come. After lengthy discussion on all points made:

Motion: Arnold- to Pass on Three Readings with a Single Vote

Second: Thorburn

Roll Call: Barrett- yes Crawford- no Reams- yes Philpott- yes
Thorburn- no Williams- no Arnold- yes

Having a 4 to 3 vote, Mayor Kevin Johnston voted yes to pass on a single vote

Motion passed

Motion: to pass on Emergency Clause

Being none, the Emergency will be stricken from the Ordinance and therefore will not go into effect for 91 days

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

Motion: Barrett- to adjourn

Second: Crawford

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion Approved: Meeting adjourned

CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT

MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY