

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a regular session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2020. 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	Dan Erskin
Kristi Reams	Jimmy Thorburn	Jason Williams	

Absent Members: Cindy Philpott

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Mike James, Patrick Foy, Delia Haak, Officer Jorge Reyes, Joe Brown, Jennifer & Paige with Boys & Girls Club, Randy Moll, Jerry Martin and Larry Gregory.

At this time Mayor Johnston announced the beginning of the

PUBLIC HEARING:

PETITION TO VACATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, MOONGATE ESTATES SUBD.

There being no one present to speak, or raise questions regarding said Hearing, the Hearing was closed at this time and Council resumed with the regular scheduled meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 3, 2020- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes
Erskin-pass 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 groundbreaking for the Children’s Advocacy Center, to be held March 5th at 10:00a.m., the Chamber Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 11th at 2:00p.m. in the City Park, and Freedom Fest on July 4th from noon until Fireworks.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the March calendar of events. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

4. **Gentry Public Schools** – Jason Barrett on behalf of **Terrie Metz** announced upcoming events including the Kindergarten online enrollment, as well as, High School play productions of Charlotte’s Web and Annie.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Mayor Johnston was happy to announce that demolition and reconstruction is set to begin 2 weeks from today. Future updates to come.

2) **Park Master Plan Update:**

a) **CM Selection Committee Recommendation-** Mayor Johnston stated 4 Firms had been interviewed and, after consideration for each: the Flintco Firm was presented for consideration for construction management.

Motion: Barrett- to proceed with the selection of Flintco for construction management

Second: Crawford

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

Motion passed.

b) **Potential Land Purchase Options-** Mayor Johnston presented Council members with potential options for land purchases. After review and consideration for all; options 3,4,5 and 6 were eliminated and, Council requested Mayor Johnston gather additional information on the remaining options 1 and 2.

3) **Water Storage Facility Update-** Jerry Martin and Larry Gregory with Garver, were available for questions. At this time the Gentry Y City Road Water Storage Tank – Phase 2 Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate was presented for the Councils review.

4) **Petition to Vacate R.O.W., Moongate Estates Ordinance:** An Ordinance Vacating a 30’ Strip of Land Running North and South Between Meeker Drive and Wilson Drive; and for other Purposes, was presented for review and consideration:

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed. City Attorney read by Heading only

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Rustic Ridge Subd. Final Plat Acceptance Ordinance:** An Ordinance Accepting the Final Plat of Rustic Ridge Subdivision, Gentry, Arkansas; and for Other Purposes.

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

Second: Williams

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

Motion passed. City Attorney Joel Kurtz read by heading only

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

Second: Barrett

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

Motion Passed

- 2) **Public Hearing Resolution- Petition to Vacate N. Manor Drive:** A Resolution Fixing April 6, 2020 for Hearing Petition to Vacate North Manor Drive, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Barrett- to pass Resolution as presented

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

- 3) **Personnel Handbook Update Resolution:** A Resolution Amending sections 1.3, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, and 6.2 of the City of Gentry Personnel Handbook, was presented for review and consideration:

Motion: Erskin- to accept the resolution as presented

Second: Arnold

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

Motion passed.

- 4) **Drug- Free Workplace Policy Ordinance w/Emergency Clause:** An Ordinance Establishing an Updated Drug-Free Workplace Policy; Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances; Declaring an Emergency; and for Other Purposes:

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

Second: Erskin

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

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

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

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

Motion: Arnold- to pass on Emergency Clause

Second: Barrett

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

Motion passed.

- 5) **Catastrophic Leave Bank Program Ordinance:** An Ordinance Adopting a Catastrophic Leave Bank Program for City Employees; and for Other Purposes

Motion: Barrett- 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 Reams-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: Thorburn-yes Williams-yes Arnold-yes Barrett-yes
 Crawford-yes Erskin-yes Reams-yes

Motion passed.

- 6) **Disposal of 1981 Seagrave Ladder Truck Vin# 1F9FL28S9BCST2107:** Mayor Johnston addressed the Council with the option of disposal by way of Public Auction (GovDeals).

Motion: Erskin- to dispose of the Seagrave Ladder Truck by way of publication

Second: Thorburn

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

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

*Planning Commission Meeting, March 19, 2020 @ 7:00p.m.

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

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

Motion: Erskin- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Williams

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion Approved.



**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**



**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**