CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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 June 3, 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	Dan Erskin
Cindy Philpott	Jimmy Thorburn	Jason Williams	

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristi Reams

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: May 6, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to approve minutes as presented while addressing the missed roll call in Section 2 referencing Feral Cats
Second: Michael Crawford
Roll Call: Arnold-yes   Barrett -yes   Crawford- yes   Erskin- yes
                 Philpott- 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 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 June calendar of events, including a planned outing to the Botanical Gardens. The weekly Wednesday watercolor sessions continue to be a big hit and attendance is good. 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 and should reopen mid-July. The tree planting with the third graders went off without a hitch and the children loved being a part of it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Progress continues to move forward. Final drawings for resubmission to the City of Gentry are underway. Meetings with the utility companies have taken place with some plans being adjusted, as well as studies of bat habitats for the area.

2) **Water Storage Facility Update** – Mayor Johnston stated that although the City's project was approved for financing, the grant funding was not. It was decided all citizens involved, including the new Simmons Plant, may benefit from having independent facilities. Plans are being adjusted and reviewed again, including rate adjustments.

3) **TAP Grant Resolution- South Smith Avenue Sidewalk Project-** Mayor Johnston presented the council with a resolution for review to be submitted in regard to the Tap Grant. After review:

   Motion: Arnold- to accept the Resolution as presented
   Second: Williams
   Roll Call: Arnold-yes   Barrett -yes   Crawford- yes   Erskin- yes
              Philpott- yes   Thorburn- yes   Williams- yes
   Motion approved.

4) **Property Sales via GovDeals Public Auction:** Mayor Johnston presented the report of property sold via online auction. Items included a Sharp copier/printer; a Kyocera copier/printer and a lot of 9 bicycles and 1 scooter, wielding $51.63 in funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Selection of Professionals- Bond Counsel/Water Storage Facility:** A request for qualifications for Bond Counsel was published. After review of these qualifications by members of the Water, Park, and Finance Committees on May 29th, the following order of selection was recommended by these committees: 1) Mitchell Williams; 2) Friday/Eldridge & Clark; and 3) Gill Ragon Owen

2) **Selection of Professionals- Bond Counsel/Park Improvements:** A request for qualifications for Bond Counsel was published. After review of these qualifications by members of the Water, Park, and Finance Committees on May 29th, the following order of selection was recommended by these committees: 1) Mitchell Williams; 2) Friday/Eldridge & Clark; and 3) Gill Ragon Owen

   Motion: Arnold- to accept the recommendations as listed for both Water & Park Improvements
   Second: Erskin
   Roll Call: Crawford- yes Erskin- yes   Philpott- yes
              Thorburn- yes Williams- yes Arnold- yes   Barrett- yes
   Motion approved.

3) **Selection of Professionals- Underwriting Services/Water Storage Facility:** A request for qualifications for Underwriting Services was published. After review of these qualifications by members of the Water, Park, and Finance Committees on May 29th, the following order of selection was recommended by these committees: 1) Stephens; 2) Crews and Associates; and 3) Raymond James

4) **Selection of Professionals- Underwriting Services/Park Improvements:** A request for qualifications for Underwriting Services was published. After review of these qualifications by members of the Water, Park, and Finance Committees on May 29th, the following order of selection was recommended by these committees: 1) Stephens; 2) Crews and Associates; and 3) Raymond James

> **Motion:** Jason Barrett- to accept the recommendations as listed for both Water & Park Improvements
> **Second:** Thorburn
> **Roll Call:**   Philpott- yes   Thorburn- yes   Williams- yes
>   Arnold- yes   Barrett- yes   Crawford- yes Erskin- yes
> **Motion approved.**

5) **New Park Land Topo and Boundary Survey:** Park lands have been reviewed and discussions had regarding estimates of $8,000 for the Topo, and $6,000 for the Boundary Survey. This was information provided to council for consideration and will be revisited at a later date.

6) **Flint Creek Nature Area Adjacent Properties:** Acreage has become available for possible purchase and to obtain easement access, by the City of Gentry, .38 acres with structures; and 4.35 acres. The Council, by consensus, directed the mayor to investigate potential options and report back at the July meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

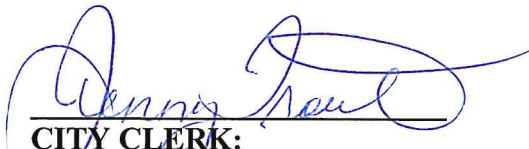*** Planning Commission Meeting, June 20, 2019 @ 7:00p.m**

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

Motion: Crawford- to adjourn this meeting
Second: Barrett
All in favor. None opposed.
Meeting adjourned.

CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT

MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
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