

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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:

Janice Arnold
Jason Barrett
Michael Crawford
Kristi Reams
Jimmy Thorburn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Philpott; Jason Williams; Dan Erskin

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Fire Chief Vester Cripps, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster, Interim Police Chief Clay Stewart, David with KURM Radio, Delia Haak and Randy Moll.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: July 8, 2019- Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Jason Barrett- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Jimmy Thorburn

Roll Call: Arnold- pass Barrett- yes Crawford- yes
Reams- yes Thorburn- yes Mayor Kevin Johnston- 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 August calendar of events which included the Town Hall Meeting set for August 27, 2019 in the McKee Community Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m. as well as the Bond Issue Election set for September 10, 2019.
3. **Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster-** Presented the August calendar of events and made mention of the presentation of the Quilts of Valor during the month of July. Three quilts had been presented. As always, everyone is encouraged to attend. Maxine voiced her concern about low attendance of the Center as of late and encouraged anyone with ideas as to how to bring our Seniors in would be greatly appreciated.
4. **Gentry Public Schools –Terrie Metz:** Gentry School Teachers were back for this school year on August 5th. The first official day of the school year is August 14th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** Progress continues to move forward. The Final drawing approval is just around the corner. Mayor Johnston anticipates having further details at the next Council Meeting.
- 2) **Park Master Plan Update-** City Hall will be hosting a special Drop-In Town Hall Park Info Meeting August 27, 2019 to provide Gentry Citizens with further details on the park's plan.
- 3) **Water Storage Facility Update –** Mayor Johnston stated discussions are continuing and there is a meeting scheduled for mid-week to review rates and other matters. Further information will be provided at a later date.
- 4) **Gee Property & Larsen Property Purchase Updates-** Mayor Johnston stated signatures for both properties have been obtained and the City is currently awaiting title work in order to proceed.
- 5) **2019 Project Funding Allocation Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the Resolution for the Council's consideration. This Project was let for bid, and the amount was approximately \$465,000.00, leaving the City's portion of the funding at approximately \$215,00.00.
 - Motion:** Barrett- to accept Resolution as presented
 - Second:** Arnold
 - Roll Call:** Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford-yes Reams-yes Thorburn-yes
 - Motion passed.**
- 6) **Hwy 12 & 43 Waterline Relocation Bid Acceptance Resolution-** Mayor Johnston presented the Council with a resolution for consideration in order to relocate the waterline at said intersection. Because ARDOT will be funding 82.38% of the Relocation Project, both the City and ARDOT must concur in approving a bid.
 - Motion:** Crawford-to accept Resolution
 - Second:** Thorburn
 - Roll Call:** Arnold- yes Barrett- yes Crawford- yes Reams- yes Thorburn- yes
 - Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

- * **Planning Commission Meeting August 15, 2019 @ 7:00p.m**
- * Drop-In Town Hall Park Info Meeting, August 27, 2019 (more details to follow)
- * Public Hearing- Potential Grant Application(s), Sept. 9, 2019 at 6:30p.m.
- *Special Election- Park Improvements Bond Issuance;
 - ***Early Voting Begins September 3, 2019**
 - ***Regular Voting September 10, 2019**
- * The City's Sales and Use Tax disbursements were listed for 2017-2019

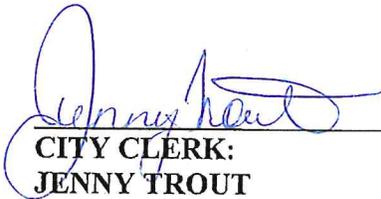
There being no other new business the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Barrett- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Thorburn

All in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned.



**CITY CLERK:
JENNY TROUT**



**MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY**