



**CITY OF CENTERTON  
SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2020**

**(1) Roll Call-**

The Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards at 6:00 p.m. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Misty Elam, Keith Higginbotham, Robin Reed, Josie Reed, Wayne Low and Darren Warren. Those present and not answering role call were City Clerk Todd Wright and City Attorney Brian Rabal.

Mayor Edwards gave the City Council an update on overall Preparedness, City Staff Function and Limited or Non- Public Access to City Facilities, as a result of the COVID-19 Virus. Edwards stated that he is in constant contact with the Arkansas Municipal League, as well as surrounding Municipalities, and we are currently taking things one day at a time. There was also discussion about possible changes in Court Proceedings, led by City Attorney Brian Rabal.

**(2) Ordinance-**

- **Ordinance 2020-17- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF CENTERTON PERSONNEL POLICY TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY LEAVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to adopt a Temporary 90-Day Revision to the City Personnel Policy to provide for Emergency Leave due to the COVID-19 Virus. Edwards detailed each section of the Policy for the Council. There was brief discussion.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Robin Reed made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Robin Reed made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Emergency Clause. Darren Warren made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2020-18- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE GRANTING THE MAYOR BROAD TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN CITY FUNCTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to temporarily (90 days) grant the Mayor a more broad authority to maintain City functions as he see's fit; such as Contracts, Bids, Expenditures, etc. are concerned, for crucial City Services. He said the City of Bentonville just passed this same ordinance. He said Section 2 of the Ordinance requires him to communicate with the City Council twice weekly, in regard to anything pertaining to this ordinance. He said if anything comes up that he feels should require City Council approval, he will call a Special Meeting. Edwards read through the Sections of the ordinance. There was brief discussion.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Emergency Clause. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2020-19- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF WESTRIDGE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION,**

**LOTS 1-85 & LOTS A-D, CITY OF CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Westridge Village Subdivision. He said it was recommended for City Council Approval by the Planning Commission on 3/17/2020. He said there were a few items of Contingency, including Outstanding Staff Comments and \$9000.00 in Cash Bonds for unfinished work. Edwards said we will not file the Final Plat until all outstanding items are satisfied. There was a brief discussion about allowing Contingencies, Cash Bonds and Letters of Credit.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Wayne Low made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(2) Resolutions -**

- **Resolution 2020-03- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DECCO CONTRACTORS – PAVING INC. ROGERS, ARKANSAS FOR MULTIPLE ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECTS AND OTHER CITY PROJECTS THRU DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that we take bids for Asphalt Overlay Projects every year, and this Resolution is to enter into an Agreement with Decco Contractors- Paving Inc. for Asphalt for these projects for 2020. He said they were the low bid. The bids were in the Council Packet. Edwards said the Agreement will be subject to review by City Attorney Brian Rabal, and asked that the motion be contingent upon that.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Wayne Low made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, Contingent upon the Agreement being reviewed by City Attorney Brian Rabal with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

City Attorney Brian Rabal stated that he didn't foresee an issue, but Best Practice for the City would be to have these contracts in-hand and reviewed prior to coming before the City Council. Council agreed.

**(3) Other Business- None**

**(4) Adjourn-**

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Adjourn at 6:37 p.m. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Bill Edwards, Mayor

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Todd Wright, City Clerk