



**CITY OF CENTERTON  
SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

**(1) Roll Call -**

The Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Edwards at 5:30 p.m. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Misty Elam (via Zoom), Darren Warren (via Zoom), Josie Reed, Keith Higginbotham, Justin Cowgur (via Zoom) and Amy Rochette (via Zoom). Those present and not answering roll call were City Clerk Todd Wright, City Attorney Brian Rabal (via Zoom), Financial Director Carl Rabey, Fire Chief Matt Thompson, Fire Training Chief Matt Swanson, and Planning Director Lorene Burns.

**(2) Ordinance 2022-72- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE AMENDED FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF THE MORNINGSIDE ESTATES PHASE 4 SUBDIVISION, CORRECTING THE SPELLING OF BRAIDBURN ROAD.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to amend the Final Plat of Morningside Estates Phase 4, correcting the spelling of Braidburn Road.

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

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Josie 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 Misty Elam. 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 Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(3) Ordinance 2022-73- AN ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF (2) 2022 DODGE RAM 4500**

**AMBULANCES FROM PINNACLE EMERGENCY VEHICLES,  
CENTERTON ARKANSAS FOR THE CENTERTON FIRE  
DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to waive the bidding requirement for (2) 2022 Dodge Ram 4500 Ambulances for the Centerton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Matt Thompson addressed the Council detailing the process and timeline of purchasing equipment and acquiring staff for providing ambulance service for the city, providing spreadsheets for equipment and staffing. He answered the Council's questions regarding:

- Budget
- RFQ's
- Staffing
- Salaries
- Timing
- Dispatching
- LOPFI and APERS
- Medical Director
- Billing

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

**Justin Cowgur 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. City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Justin Cowgur made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Misty Elam made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(4) Ordinance 2022-74- AN ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDDING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS  
AMBULANCE SUPPLIES FROM STRYKER MEDICAL, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS FOR THE CENTERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to waive the bidding requirement for miscellaneous supplies and equipment for the startup of (2) ambulances for the Centerton Fire Department. A spreadsheet was provided for Council.

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

**Darren Warren made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Josie 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 Darren Warren. 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 Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(5) Hire (3) Paramedics and (3) EMT's –**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that Fire Chief Matt Thompson has requested to hire (3) Paramedics and (3) EMT's for providing ambulance service. He said he is looking at an 11/01/2022 timeline for hiring, to begin training prior to providing ambulance service. A spreadsheet was provided for Council.

Fire Chief Matt Thompson detailed his hiring and training plans.

**Amy Rochette made a motion to approve the hiring of (3) Paramedic's and (3) EMT's, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. There was a Roll Call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(6) Resolution 2022-26- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATE OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON FOR THE YEAR 2022 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2023.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this is to amend the resolution approved last month to state "Centerton Fire Department". The word "Volunteer" was removed.

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

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the Resolution by title only, 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 Resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(7) Adjourn-**

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Adjourn at 6:13 p.m. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. 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