



**CITY OF CENTERTON
SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2021**

(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, Darren Warren, Josie Reed, Keith Higginbotham, Amy Rochette and Justin Cowgur. Those present and not answering role call were City Attorney Brian Rabal.

(2) Ordinances-

- **Ordinance 2021-51- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF MAPLE STATES PHASE 2, CREATING RESIDENTIAL LOTS 67-119 AND DETENTION LOT C, CITY OF CENTERTON, S29-T20N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Maple Estates Phase 2 Subdivision located west of Gamble Elementary school off Gamble Road. He said they are proposing 52 residential single-family lots and one (1) detention lot. He said it was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their 7/20/2021 meeting. Mayor Edwards advised the city was accepting Water and Sewer bonds for the amount of \$184,846.30 for one year, Street Bonds of \$327,204.07 for 2 years and Drainage Bonds for \$341,585.00 for 2 years. In addition, the city is accepting a Cash Bond of \$4,273.23 for a performance bond for the aerator.

Mayor Edwards also stated the developer was donating 30 feet of right of way along the east side of Wolverine Drive and street improvements have been made.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. Josie Reed had asked if there were any drainage issues, and Mayor Edwards stated they have been addressed.

Josie Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, with a 2nd from Darren Warren. 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 2nd from Darren Warren. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Amy Rochette. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2021-53- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF THE PINES PHASE 1, CREATING RESIDENTIAL LOTS 1-59 AND DETENTION LOT A, CITY OF CENTERTON, S20-T20N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of The Pines Phase 1 Subdivision located west of Walters Road just north of Harbaugh Road. He said they are proposing 59 residential single-family lots and one (1) detention lot. He said it was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their 7/20/2021 meeting. Mayor Edwards advised the city was accepting Water and Sewer bonds for the amount of \$226,957.77 for one year, Street Bonds of \$337,331.39 for 2 years and Drainage Bonds for \$382,659.56 for 2 years. In addition, the city is accepting Performance Bonds of \$9,000 for the Retention Basin and \$30,215.00 for the Lift Station.

Mayor Edwards also stated the developer was donating 30 feet of right of way along the west side of Walters Road and street improvements have been made

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 2nd from Josie Reed. 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 2nd from Justin Cowgur. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(3) Resolution

- **Resolution 2021-18- A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BANK ACCOUNT AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NWA, FOR THE CREATION OF A GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT AND TO CLOSE THE EXISTING GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT; TO**

DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM VARIOUS ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON WITH REGARD TO SAID ACCOUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution was to close our current General Fund checking account, and to open a new General Fund Account. Darren Warren asked if the activity on the account was check or credit cards or what type of fraudulent activity had happened. Mayor Edwards stated the incident is under investigation and the police are involved and stated the activity was detected during a reconciliation of the account. Mayor Edwards also stated the activity did not appear to be checks and was something electronic.

Darren Warren asked if this was over several months or just one month, Mayor Edwards stated apparently one month and stated this was found in July and also stated that Pam Grant the Financial Director was reconciling the account on a daily basis to check for any further activity. Mayor Edwards asked Misty Elam if she had any questions, she stated it was just alarming we just now caught this with the month going by, Mayor Edwards stated Pam reconciles the account every month when she gets the bank statement and is required by law to do this monthly. Mayor Edwards stated that Pam was also doing this more often because of this activity and hopefully gets identified.

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

Justin Cowgur made a motion to read the resolution by title only, with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Amy Rochette. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(4) Adjourn-

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. with a 2nd from Misty Elam, All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk