



**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2019**

- (1) **Pledge** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- (2) **Prayer** - The prayer was offered by Keith Higginbotham.

- (3) **Roll Call** - Those Present and answering Roll Call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Keith Higginbotham, Wayne Low, Darren Warren, Josie Reed and Robin Reed. Misty Elam was absent. Those present and not answering Role Call were City Clerk Todd Wright, City Attorney Brian Rabal, Financial Director Pam Grant, Director of Public Works Rick Hudson, Police Chief Cody Harper, Fire Chief Delton Bush, Planning Director Lorene Burns and Chief Building Inspector Robert Coffelt. Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez and Centerton Utilities Director Frank Holzkamper were absent.

(4) **Council Minutes** –

Robin Reed made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 11th, 2019 City Council Meeting, and June 19th, 2019 Special City Council Meeting, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Planning, Parks & Recreation and Water & Sewer Minutes –

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the Minutes of the June 4th, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting, May 21st, 2019 CWSD Meeting and May 13th, 2019 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (5) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that 50% through the year we have received 64.01% of our Budgeted Revenue. He stated that our Expenditures were at 60.63%. Mayor Edwards detailed some of the June revenue and expenditures for the Council:

Wayne Low made a motion to Accept the June, 2019 City and Court Financials, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(6) **Department Reports-**

The Department Reports were in the Council Packets.

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

Mayor Edwards introduced Jocelyn Diaz to the Council, as the new HR Coordinator for the City.

Mayor Edwards announced the retirement of Fire Chief Delton Bush at the end of the month. Mayor Edwards presented Chief Bush with a plaque, recognizing his service from 1981-2019, and thanked him for his service.

(7) **Ordinances -**

- **Ordinance 2019-21- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE AMENDED FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF DIAMOND ESTATES PHASE III, LOTS 81-154 & LOT F, IN THE CITY OF CENTERTON, S29-T29N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to approve an amendment to the Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Diamond Estates Phase III.

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

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. Wayne Low 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. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt

the Ordinance with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Resolutions -

- **Resolution 2019-16- A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIED ROADS, STREETS, EASEMENTS, HIGHWAYS, WAYS OR PLACES USED FOR VEHICULAR TRAVEL, ACCESS OR PARKING.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to approve an increase in the speed limit on the recently improved Kimmel Road to from 35 mph to 45 mph. There was discussion.

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 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor, and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Resolution by title only. Wayne Low made a motion to adopt the Resolution with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(9) Acknowledge Receipt of Water & Sewer Audit -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking for them to acknowledge receipt of the Centerton Water & Sewer Audit for 2018. He said the Audit went well.

Robin Reed made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the 2018 Centerton Water & Sewer Audit, with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(10) Add Additional Part-Time Police Officer for Court Security -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking for their approval for another part-time Police Officer for Court Security. He said we currently have 3 part-time Police Officers and each officer is allowed 20 hours, out of a pool of 60 hours per week. He said we are looking to add a 4th officer, but not increase the total pool of hours. He said the officers are currently working about 15 hours per week. He said this will allow us to have 2 officers dedicated for Court on Court dates. He said we have uniforms on-hand to outfit the officer.

Police Chief Cody Harper addressed the Council, stating that he has found a couple of candidates interested in this position, and does have uniforms on-hand to outfit them. He said they are currently using the same Over-Vests as we do, and he has spoken to their current Chief, with the understanding that if anything happened to their vest while working for us, we would be responsible for that vest.

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Approve the 4th Part-Time Police Officer Position, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(11) Remove 2007 Jeep Liberty, 2007 Server, and 2004 Camera Kit w/ Battery from the Capitol Asset List -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he would like Council permission to remove the recently totaled 2007 Jeep Liberty from the Capitol Asset List, as well as a 2007 Server for the Fire Department (valued at \$12,349.00) that is no longer being used, and a 2004 Camera Kit w/ Battery (valued at \$10,186.00) that is no longer serviceable.

Wayne Low made a motion to remove the 2007 Jeep Liberty, 2007 Server and 2004 Camera Kit w/Battery from the Capitol Asset List, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(12) Discuss 4-Year City Council Terms -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he was asked by a Council Member to look into changing to 4-Year Terms for our City Council. He said he has included the Arkansas Code in Dropbox. He said he has spoken with the County Clerk, who would help us through the process of approving an Ordinance to put this on the Ballot for the 2020 Election. He said if passed, 3 Council Members would have Terms of 2 years and 3 Council Members would have Terms of 4 years, with the 2 year Terms going to 4 year Terms in 2022. He said this would stagger the terms of half of the City Council. There was discussion.

Wayne Low made a motion to Allow the Mayor to Investigate the 4-Year Term Option for City Council Members, with a Plan to Move Forward, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(13) Other Business-

- **Fireworks** - Mayor Edwards said we will allow Public Comments regarding fireworks, at the next City Council Meeting 8/13/19. There was discussion.
- **Executive Session** – Police Personnel Matter

Robin Reed made a motion at 6:35 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss a Police Personnel matter, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Keith Higginbotham made a motion at 7:12 PM to exit the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting, with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Keith Higginbotham said no action was to be taken.

(14) Announcements - None

(15) Adjourn -

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk