

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2012**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the prayer was offered by Todd Wright. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Robin Reed, Josie Reed, Keith Higginbotham, Skye Petty, Misty Elam and Tommy Laird. Those present and not answering role call were Todd Wright, Jennifer Robinson, Brian Rabal, Andrew Huntsinger, Street Superintendant Rick Hudson, Police Chief Lance Johnson, Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez, Water & Sewer Superintendant Frank Holzkamper, Fire Chief Delton Bush and Planning Commissioner Lorene Burns. Building Inspector Robert Coffelt was absent.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 10, 2012 council meeting with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (2) **Planning, Water & Sewer, Parks and A&P Minutes-** Keith Higginbotham made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 26, 2012 Planning minutes, June 21, 2012 Water & Sewer minutes as well as the July 9, 2012 Parks & Recreation minutes with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that through 58% of the year, we have received 73% of our income and that our expenses were at 46%. He pointed out that the Police Department expenditures will start soon and that we will have some at the Fire Department as well, but that we are doing well financially. Skye Petty made a motion to accept the July 2012 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (4) **Department Reports- Police-** Police Chief Lance Johnson pointed out the stats in the packets. He stated that they had an opening for one officer and that the apps closed on Friday. He stated that they had 6 certified applicants and that they have interviews with 2 applicants this week. Lance stated that the new PD was going well. He said that they passed the density test. He said that they had to remove one tree and 3 parking spaces in the construction process of construction and gave details. **Street-** Rick Hudson stated that he lost an employee and hired Kenneth Harrell and he is supervising the mowing crews. Rick stated that they are still working on recovering our drainage. He stated that they are working on Fish Hatchery and the ditch by the lake. He stated that they have taken possession of the new tar kettle. He said they have taken bids on asphalt projects for 10 roads in the next month and that it is going to cost us \$159,144.00. He said that Tycoon and Dorsey Lee are holding up well. **Building Inspector-** Mayor Edwards stated

that Robert Coffelt was not present for the meeting, but pointed out that the stats were in the council's packets. Mayor Edwards stated that he is handling Code Enforcement and the County is handling inspections. **Planning-** Lorene Burns stated that FEMA issued the Little Osage LOMR on 7/25/12, effective 12/06/12. She stated that the McKissick Creek Flood Study is being worked on by David Todd, with no real big changes in the preliminary findings. She said that ESI is completing additional survey work needed on the Black Springs pond as well as Bliss, 1st St. and Spring St. ponds. She gave Flood Insurance stats for Centerton as .851%, Bentonville as .428% and Benton County as .329%. Lorene stated that Christina Groves will be here 8/28/12 with the CRS Program. Lorene stated that Field Representative Dale Thomure from the Community Hazard Mitigation Service will be doing an evaluation and rating of our building code system. She said the only record is from 1999 with a rating of 99, which indicates that it was a new program at that time and has not been re-evaluated. Lorene gave an overview of the agenda for the next Planning meeting with details in the council's packets. Lorene stated that she received a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission from Fred Miller and that his last meeting will be 8/28/12. She mentioned Planning Commission Training in Eureka Springs on 9/19/12 and AR Floodplain Fall Conference in Hot Springs 9/23/12 - 9/26/12. **Fire-** Fire Chief Delton Bush welcomed Keith Higginbotham back to the FD. He stated that he hoped to get Russell and Rick to the department soon to add some extra help. He stated that there have been 451 runs YTD so far. He stated that there are 40 firefighters on the roll currently. He stated that they will be participating in a Mass Casualty Drill with XNA. Delton said that we have tankers in each station now. He said the ladder truck should be tested and certified on 8/28/12. Delton also stated that they are keeping up with the Fire-Wise Program to keep us in that community and to be able to get the \$500.00 annually. He stated that there will be a dozer parked at one of our substations occasionally to help us during wild land fires. He stated that he found out that we have no legal obligation to fight wild land fires. He said we might even get some free wild land fire gear. Robin asked if a cause had been found for the fire on Hwy 72 and Delton stated that no cause had been found at this time. **Water-** Frank Holzkamper addressed the council. He gave ten copies of the most recent audit with no major findings and the minor findings already addressed. He stated that the W&S part of the Hwy 102 widening is complete. Frank stated that they decided to roll the W&S system GPS into subdivision requirements. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going good at the Shelter. He said that they are participating in the NWA Dog Walk in Bentonville on Saturday. He said they have 5 dogs currently. He said that they have adopted out some really good dogs lately. He stated that they have no needs right now, due to the tremendous amount of donations they receive. **Admin-** Mayor Edwards stated that the audit is scheduled for tomorrow. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards mentioned all of the work that has been done this year and stated that he entered us into the Quality of Life category in the City of Distinction Award at the Municipal League Conference. Mayor Edwards stated that we applied \$1000.00 to Animal Control, \$1000.00 to the Fire Department and \$1000.00 to the Police Department from the proceeds

from Centerton Day. He stated that they are looking for new members for the A&P Commission. He stated that they do have a quorum for the next meeting. He mentioned "The Letterman" magazine and stated that there is a spotlight article about the mayor in there. He stated that all of the utilities are done on the Hwy 102 widening and that we did pay our \$1.9 million match for the Hwy 102 project and hopes they start turning dirt in 30-45 days. He said that APAC said they would start on the Main Street end and work back to the East and that it should take 18-20 months to complete. Mayor Edwards stated that he and the Police Chief have been working on a plan for rotation of police vehicles and decided that they would like to be able to budget 2 new cars every year, starting with next year's budget, so that every 5 years, we will have a whole new fleet. He said that it currently takes about 6-8 weeks to get a car once it has been ordered. He mentioned the ACT 988 money that we use to purchase cars currently. He stated that he would like to order a new Tahoe at this time to replace one of the Crown Victoria's and would also like permission to surplus one of the Crown Victoria's. He stated that we have \$20,000.00 in the ACT 988 account at this time and that we should have another \$2000-\$3,000 in that account by the time the new Tahoe gets here. He stated that we might have to absorb another \$2000 from the General Fund to cover any difference. Robin Reed made a motion to allow us to use the current available ACT 988 funds and the remaining balance from the General Fund to purchase a new Tahoe for the Police Department with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to allow the city to surplus one Crown Victoria with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (5) Resolution 2012-12- A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS AND THE BENTON COUNTY ARKANSAS, REGARDING BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution, giving details of what we paying the County per week and how the inspections are going. He also explained that the County is only doing residential inspections. Josie Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) Resolution 2012-13- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DECO CONTRACTORS, ROGERS, ARKANSAS, FOR ASPHALT FOR PAVING CERTAIN ROADS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Rick gave the council a list of the roads that

will be repaired with approval of this resolution. Mayor Edwards stated that we don't have to put this out to bid. Jennifer stated that we did have a question about that. Jennifer stated that the ACT1949 account pays for the striping of the roads. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(7) Resolution 2012-14- A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE CLOSING OF AN ALLEY AND EASEMENTS LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 12 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF CENTERTON.

Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to set this public hearing. The location of these lots was given. The hearing was set for September 11th, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Ordinance 2012-16- AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-07 AND SECTION 16.08.02 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM, SUBSECTION A, OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TO INCLUDE LOMR CASE NO. 12-06-2356P, EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 6, 2012; FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.

Lorene addressed the council members, giving the need for this ordinance. Josie Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the ordinance by title only. Skye Petty made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(9) Ordinance 2012-17- AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING SECTION 17.16.04 OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE; FIREWORKS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Edwards addressed the council members, giving the need for this ordinance. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the ordinance by title only. Tommy Laird made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd

from Josie Reed. 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. Brian Rabal read the emergency clause. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (10) **Discuss if Committee of Whole Meeting is Needed August 21st-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and asked if the council wanted to have this meeting. The council decided to hold this meeting on August 21st, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements- Brad Carpenter stated that the P&R is going to have a community work day in the City Park on Saturday, September 29th to do repairs and get the park up to federal standards and get it ready for the Fall Festival. He stated that they will eventually work their way around to all of the city parks. Brad mentioned that we have applied for a trail grant. Brad gave an update on the city baseball fields. Brad stated that there is 1 vacancy on the P&R Advisory Board. Brad stated that he was very pleased with the performance of the Advisory Board. Keith recommended that Brad and Rick check Mulch-N-More for their mulch needs. Jennifer stated that she needed copies of approved minutes from P&R meetings for last year for the audit. Jennifer stated that the Fall Festival will be Oct. 18-20 and they are still looking for vendors.

Other Business- PJ addressed the council, representing the CACC and went over financials. There was discussion about difficulty with getting the financials. He stated that the last pancake breakfast went well and that the next pancake breakfast is this coming Saturday. Mayor Edwards mentioned the upcoming Chamber meet and greet on Saturday August 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the City Park. There was discussion about talks of the Gravette Chamber combining with the Centerton Area Chamber. PJ said that it could be discussed at their next Board Meeting. He said their board meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month and are held at Lifepoint Church at 6:00 p.m. Todd asked if PJ and Brad could give their reports earlier in the council meetings and the mayor stated that they could give their reports with the department head reports.

There was no more business or announcements and Tommy Laird made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk