

**CITY OF CENTERTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009**

The Centerton City Council was called to order for this Special Meeting by Mayor, Bobbie Griffith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the prayer was offered by Keith Higginbotham. Those present and answering Roll call were Josie Reed, Kathy Huber, Randy Thomas, Tommy Laird, Patricia Thornhill, Keith Higginbotham and Mayor, Bobbie Griffith. Those Present and not answering roll call were Todd Wright, Jeff Coffelt, Robert Coffelt, Bert Johnson, Lorene Taul, Howard Slinkard, Andrew Huntsinger and Brian Rabal. Jan Dolan was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Griffith stood before the members of the City Council and offered the Official Oath of Office which was read along with by the council members and she officially swore them into office.

- (1) **2009 Wage Approval** - Mayor Griffith presented the council with a 2009 City Of Centerton Wage report and asked for their approval on the wages that were included in the 2009 city budget approval. Mayor Griffith stated that there were no changes from the approved budget. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to approve the 2009 wages with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. Sustaining votes were recorded for all council members and the motion carried.
- (2) **2009 City Holiday Schedule** - Mayor Griffith presented the council with a 2009 City Of Centerton Holiday Calendar for approval. She stated that the only new holiday added was that of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert E. Lee's Birthday to be celebrated on Monday January 19th, 2009. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to approve the 2009 Holiday Calendar with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. Roll call votes of yes were recorded for all member of council and the motion carried.
- (3) **Declare Surplus Items** - Mayor Griffith stated that there wer 2 items that the city would like to have declared as surplus. The first item is the 2000 Ford Taurus used by city administration. She stated the car has had a lot of problems and needs a lot of repairs. The police dept. gave the city a Jeep to use in place of the Taurus after receiving their new patrol car. Kathy Huber made a motion to declare the 2000 Ford Taurus as surplus with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. The second item was a Sony 560x Digital Zoom Camera (serial #1392537) used by the police dept. Mayor Griffith stated that the camera was broken and that it has been replaced. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to declare the Sony 560x camera as surplus with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members of council voted in favor and the motion carried.

(4) **Fire Run Pay Increase** - Jeff Coffelt addressed the council, asking for the pay for a fire run to be increased from \$8.00 per run to \$10.00 per run. Jeff stated that there were 550 fire runs last year and that the pay per run has not been increased in several years. He stated that the department currently had 32 volunteer members and that 98% live within the service area but that even with the increase to \$10.00 per run, it barely covers the cost of gas to and from these runs. Kathy Huber made a motion to approve the increase to \$10.00 per run with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor except for Keith Higginbotham, who abstained due to his being a member of the Fire Dept. and the motion carried.

(5) **Committee Appointments - The following appointments were made to serve on various city committees:**

Personnel Committee - Randy Thomas, Patricia Thornhill and Keith Higginbotham. Kathy Huber made a motion to accept these appointments with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Finance Committee - Tommy Laird, Josie Reed and Kathy Huber. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to accept these appointments with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

A&P Commission - Randy Thomas and Josie Reed. Tommy Laird made a motion to accept these appointments with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Tree Board - Tommy Laird. Randy Thomas made a motion to accept this appointment with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Parks & Recreation - Patricia Thornhill. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to accept this appointment with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(6) **Petty Cash Increase** - Mayor Griffith stated that Jan would like to have the petty cash for the city to be increased from \$300.00 to \$375.00 because \$75.00 of current petty cash is being used by Cherie for the cash box up front. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to accept the increase with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(7) **Announcements** - Mayor Griffith stated that our regularly scheduled council meeting will be Tuesday, January 13th, 2009, at 7:00, with a reception sponsored by the Centerton 4-H Club at 6:30.

Randy Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bobbie Griffith, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk