

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014**

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

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 10, 2013 council meeting with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (2) **Planning and Water & Sewer Minutes-** Tommy Laird made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the November 19, 2013 planning meeting, November 21, 2013 CWSD meeting and September 17, 2013 A&P meeting minutes with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that 100% through the year 2013 we had 132% of our projected revenue in and our expenses were at 108%. He gave details. Mayor Edwards and Jennifer Robinson stated that we will amend our 2013 budget in our February council meeting. Josie Reed made a motion to accept the December 2013 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (4) **Department Reports- Building Inspections and Code Enforcement-** Robert Coffelt stated that we were down in December from November. He stated that Benton County Waste was still not complete. He stated that permits are still being pulled in our subdivisions. He stated that the Nursing Home and Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market both received their grading permits. He stated that the Centerton Liquor Store had a pre-construction meeting. Robert stated that the new truck is up and running. **Planning-** Lorene Burns stated that there will be an easement plat coming for the liquor store. She stated that there will be an ordinance for easements and setbacks for the Neighborhood Market. She said that

a new submittal came in for the Mercy Clinic across from the White Oak Station and Featherstone Assisted Living in Morningside. Lorene stated that she has a Conditional-Use for Sara's Hope dependent upon the mold issue. She reminded the council that there is an opening for the Planning Assistant position. **Police-** Police Chief Lance Johnson pointed out the December stats and 2013 total stats and asked if there were any questions. He stated that they were able to get a DNA match on a suspect for a local burglary. Lance stated that Anthony was closer to getting released for light duty and that the other 13 officers were doing fine. Lance gave some details on changes to the PD Procedures Manual. Lance stated that they started court preparations earlier in the morning this time around and gave some details. **Street-** Rick Hudson gave an update on the Walker Street project. Rick stated that the winter storms really kicked their butts. He stated that they have built a brine plant and a brine applicator to help in the future. He stated that he got his new building and grounds employee, Everett Wood and that he has been busy. Rick gave updates on current projects. Rick stated that the Hwy102 project probably won't see any major work until March. He stated that he hopes to get started working on the Walking Trail project in the next 2-3 weeks. He also gave an update on the Ball Parks. **Fire-** Fire Chief Delton Bush stated that they had 725 emergency calls in 2013. He stated that they have already had 40 calls in the first 2 weeks of 2014. Delton stated that the new staff situation is working great and thanked the council. He stated that he will be working on Social Media guidelines and gave some details. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going well. He stated that they were able to assist another shelter during the cold. Terry stated that they had a CO2 leak in the heater at the shelter and that it has been repaired. **Water-** Frank Holzkomper presented the council with a report of notable projects and achievements for CWSD in 2013 and a report of future goals and training opportunities. Frank gave an update on the current water and sewer projects that are in the works. **Admin-** Jennifer Robinson reminded everyone to get their financial statements turned in by 1/31/14. She said that the first APERS contribution just went in. She stated that she is working on all of our year-end, quarter-end items and budget. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards stated that the State is met with him and Rick to look at our roads to be considered for a \$250,000.00 resurfacing grant. He stated that the \$50,000.00 grant for the storm sirens came in. Mayor Edwards gave details on the results of the recent surplus auction items. Mayor Edwards gave an update on fire dues.

- (5) **Approve A&P Commission Members-** Mayor Edwards gave details. Robin Reed made a motion to appoint Raye King and Jim Barrett to the A&P Commission with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (6) **Centerton Cemetery Update- Brian Rabal-** Brian Rabal gave the council an update on the Centerton Cemetery. Brian Verneti also gave a statement on behalf of the cemetery board. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to allow Brian Rabal and Brian Verneti to draft a contract and resolution to allow the city of Centerton to take over the Centerton Cemetery from the existing Trust with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (7) **Ordinance 2014-01- AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CENTERTON CITY LIMITS BELONGING TO JUANITA HILL TRUST ET AL FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2).** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. Josie Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. 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 Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (8) **Ordinance 2014-02- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 2.14.03, TITLED COMPENSATION.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. There was discussion. Tommy Laird 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 Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (9) **Ordinance 2014-03- AN ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF STORM SIRENS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. There was discussion. Tommy Laird 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. Tommy Laird made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate

occasions with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Tommy Laird 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 Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(10) **Ordinance 2014-04- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT DEDICATION PER LOT COMBINATION PLAT FOR THE GREENHOUSE ADDITION, CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. Skye Petty made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution 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. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(11) **Resolution 2014-01- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH BOWEN GIS SERVICES, FOR GIS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Skye Petty made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. 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 Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(12) **Resolution 2014-02- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH EARTHPLAN DESIGN ALTERNATIVES, PA FOR MS4 STORMWATER COMPLIANCE FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Josie Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. 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 Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(13) **Resolution 2014-03- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO PURCHASE FROM HARMON CONCRETE OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS 8000 SQUARE FEET OF POLISHED CONCRETE.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Delton Bush gave details. Skye Petty made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Misty Elam. 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 Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Executive Session- Tommy Laird made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Mayor's Evaluation with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. The Mayor and council went to the Conference Room. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to return from Executive Session with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Robin Reed stated that there was to be no action taken at this time.

Announcements- Mayor Edwards reminded council of the A&P meeting Thursday morning and Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday morning with Susan Anglin as a guest to speak about the county ambulance service vote.

There was no other business or announcements. 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

