

**CITY OF CENTERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2012**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the prayer was offered by Tommy Laird. 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 roll call were Todd Wright, Jennifer Robinson, Brian Rabal, Street Superintendent Rick Hudson, Police Sgt. Randy Clark, Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez, Water & Sewer Superintendent 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 June 12, 2012 council meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (2) **Planning, Water & Sewer, Parks and A&P Minutes-** Tommy Laird made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the May 22, 2012 Planning minutes, May 17, 2012 Water & Sewer minutes as well as the June 5, 2012 Parks & Recreation minutes and May 17, 2012 A&P Commission minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that through 52% of the year, we have received 62% of our income and that our expenses were at 40%. Josie Reed made a motion to accept the May 2012 City and Court financials with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (4) **Department Reports- Police-** Sgt. Randy Clark stated that they had hired Justin McCarver as the new Police Officer and that he had worked for Little Flock for 15-16 years. He stated that Lance would have to give an update on the new PD. He stated that the sales in the fireworks booth were very poor due to the hot weather and the burn ban. He hoped we would have better results from the Chili Supper on October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Street-** Rick Hudson stated that they were caught up on mowing and that they have been doing some street patching and working on drainage. He stated that he had gotten with the Mayor and had ordered a small tack distributor trailer for \$17,000.00 and that it was covered in his budget. He stated that they would be getting started on some asphalt projects in the next month. **Building Inspector-** Mayor Edwards stated that Robert Coffelt was not present for the meeting, but pointed out that his stats were in the council's packets. **Planning-** Lorene Burns stated that she has a conditional use permit for a in-home business that will be a small-scale silage operation in the Willow Crossing subdivision. She said she has an agricultural lot split on tycoon Rd. She said the waiver for detention was approved for the FD/PD, contingent upon a

signed agreement with the property owner to the South that is willing to accept the water flow into a pond on his property. Lorene stated that the Large Scale development for a Nursing Home planned on Hwy102 has issues with drainage and the retaining wall which was planned to go from 5ft.-25ft. high, as well as issues with the electric easement. There was discussion from Keith and Lorene. Lorene stated that there is a lot left to do on the plans and that it would probably be 6 months before they even begin turning dirt. Lorene addressed 2 subdivisions in the County Planning jurisdiction. Lorene said that Greenstone Estates, which was given contingent approval by the County in 2007 and then was abandoned when everything went south in the economy, now wants to final plat only the part that is in the Centerton Planning jurisdiction. Lorene stated that they would have to resubmit everything to us because the County had all of the information. She stated that Benton County did copy the files for us and we agreed to accept approval authority for it. She stated that it is no longer in Benton County's jurisdiction. She said we will not accept the streets due to their condition and the length of time they have been there. She said that they would have to be re-tested. Lorene stated that the New Beginnings Children Home on 10 acres on Hwy102 will remain with the County due to it being a development and not a subdivision. Lorene stated the Nighthawk Training Academy gun range has filed an appeal and there will be a public hearing on July 30<sup>th</sup> with the Board of appeals. Lorene stated that the Planning Commission is looking at recommending that we shrink our Planning jurisdiction to a mile outside our city limits. Lorene said that CRS application will be moved up to August 27<sup>th</sup>. The last thing Lorene had was that the board approved re-appointing Cliff Mathis, Jeff Seyfarth and A.J. Stroud to new terms on the Planning Commission that will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Fire-** Fire Chief Delton Bush stated that the run numbers are down and things have been pretty quiet and credited much of it to the burn bans. He stated that they have backed off of some of the hose testing due to the extreme heat. Delton stated that the County has given us a 3<sup>rd</sup> tanker that will be housed at station 3. He stated that we are in line for a new unit as well. Delton addressed the injuries during the muster at Centerton Day. Robin asked how many firefighters we have and how many were active and Delton said he had 38 firefighter and all were active. He said they are required to attend 1/3 of the meetings and calls. **Water-** Frank Holzkamper addressed the council. He gave updates on Hwy102. He stated that the water portion was done and have passed the tests. He stated that they were in the process of disconnecting old lines that have been a challenge. He stated that the road boar by Sonic was complete and now they are headed west toward McDonalds on the South side of Hwy102 with sewer, which is the last thing they have to do. He said that the State Highway Department is still planning on putting it out to bid at the end of this month and looking at opening it next month. Frank stated that they are working for some time on a GPS system for their meter cans, man holes and fire hydrants and will be incorporating it with their meter reading. He said they have also placed 3 GPS monuments that will be consistent with other GPS monuments already out there. He asked the council to pass an ordinance requiring future subdivisions to GPS everything that goes in so we can just drop it into our system. Frank addressed the major line break on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hwy102

and Fish Hatchery and gave details. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going good at the Shelter. He said that the lighting and cameras are working great. Terry stated that it is pretty slow because of the heat. He said they have 7 dogs currently. **Admin-** Jennifer mentioned Centerton Day and said the auction brought in about \$4900.00. She stated that the audit is still scheduled for August and that she is busy getting everything ready. She said that she and the Mayor will be getting ready for budget after that. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards mentioned Centerton Day and gave details. He thanked everyone worked on it. He said that we made some good vendor contacts for donations for the auction. He gave a date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> for Centerton Day for next year to get ahead of the game. Mayor Edwards stated that he got with the County and used GovDeals to sell the 2 Impalas. He said one sold for \$2225.00 and the other for \$2550.00 and a trailer that we listed is at \$900.00 already. He stated that we have to pay 2.5%. Mayor Edwards stated that he wants to continue to work on things we can do for the children. He mentioned our push for the snack pack program. He said he hopes to clear \$3000-\$3600 from Centerton Day and split those proceeds 3 ways, with a third each going to: the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Animal Shelter. He mentioned that he hoped to have the gazebo painted this Thursday and up next Tuesday. He reiterated the highway department putting bids out at the end of the month. He reminded everyone about the EMS meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> if anyone wanted to come.

- (5) **Resolution 2012-10- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution, giving details of what we have done to have a better chance to get this grant this time. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) **Resolution 2012-11- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL FUNDS** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution, giving details about the scope of this trail grant and how we planned to use it. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**(7) Appoint Personnel and Parks Committee Member-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the openings due to Tyler Steele's resignation. Keith Higginbotham made a motion for Misty Elam to take Tyler's place on the Personnel and Parks Committees with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**(8) Reappoint Cliff Mathis, Jeff Seyfarth and A.J. Stroud to Planning Commission, Terms to Expire June, 30, 2015-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this motion. Robin Reed made a motion to reappoint Cliff Mathis, Jeff Seyfarth and A.J. Stroud to the Planning Commission, with terms to expire June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**(9) Discuss Make-Up Day for Fireworks- September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and detailed this request for a make-up date for fireworks due to the burn bans around the Fourth of July. There was discussion. Skye Petty made a motion to set September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 as make-up dates for fireworks with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

**(10) Discuss Closing Date on Police Building Loan- July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. -** Mayor Edwards addressed the council regarding the loan. He introduced Donnie Baker from First Security Bank if there were any questions. Robin Reed asked if Keith Higginbotham's motion at the last meeting was contingent upon the millage election passing and Todd Wright said that it did not and that was why it was not found in the minutes. There was discussion about how the loan can only be used on this building and how we plan to and can pay it off early. Mayor Edwards stated that the utilities are already being moved and that we will have a ground breaking next week. He stated that we did purchase builder's insurance for the project at a cost of \$1080.00.

**Announcements-** Mayor Edwards stated that the Events Committee meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. He stated that the last Pancake Breakfast did really well and that we will have Pancake Breakfasts on July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> at City Hall in tandem with the Coffee with the Mayor events. He also mentioned that the council's filing forms were in there packets.

**Other Business-** Josie Reed made a motion to enter into Executive session with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. The Mayor and the council retired to the Conference Room. The Mayor and the council returned.

There was no more business or announcements and Josie Reed made a motion to adjourn with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Bill Edwards, Mayor

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Todd Wright, City Clerk