

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2009**

The city council was called to order by Mayor Bobbie Griffith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a prayer was offered by Tommy Laird. Those present and answering role call were Mayor, Bobbie Griffith, Tommy Laird, Kathy Huber, Josie Reed, Keith Higginbotham, Patricia Thornhill and Randy Thomas Those present but not answering role call were Jan Dolan, Todd Wright, Lorene Taul, Bert Johnson, Lance Johnson, Howard Slinkard, Andrew Huntsinger and Brian Rabal. Clint Jones, a reporter from KURM radio was also present.

- (1) **PLANNING/ WATER& SEWER MINUTES** - Keith Higginbotham made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Planning minutes from April 28, 2009 and the Water & Sewer minutes from April 16, 2009 and the May 11, 2009 special meeting with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (2) **FINANCIALS FOR GENERAL/STREET AND COURT** - Keith Higginbotham made a motion to accept the financials for May, 2009 with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members of the council voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (3) **ORDINANCE 09-14 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPLE CODE CHAPTER 11.24, CREATING TITLE 18 SIGNS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Lorene addressed the council and stated that this ordinance was simply a title change concerning sign regulations. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (4) **ORDINANCE 09-15 - AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF SOMERSET ROAD TO BERKSHIRE ROAD IN THE KENSINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PUPOSES.** This ordinance is to change the name of this road from the original plat name. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Patricia

Thornhill made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(5) ORDINANCE 09-16 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CENTERTON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE MANUAL, AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14 AND TITLE 16; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This ordinance is to adopt the 2009 Stormwater Management and Drainage Manual. Randy Thomas made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Kathy Huber made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(6) ORDINANCE 09-17 - AN ORDINANCE RENAMING TITLE 15 OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This ordinance is to simply change the title. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(7) ORDINANCE 09-18 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE EASEMENT DEDICATION PLAT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is to approve a tract split and easement dedication for the church. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Tommy Laird made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith

Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) ORDINANCE 09-19 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 15.08.07, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PUPOSES.

This resolution is to revise the City of Centerton's subdivision regulations as far as 2 sections read ("Streets" and "Stormwater system"). Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Tommy Laird made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance 3 times with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the emergency clause. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(9) RESOLUTION 09-12 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THREE SUCCESSOR COMMISSIONERS FOR CENTERTON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OWNERS" IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3-VERSAILLES.

This resolution is to appoint 3 new commissioners to replace the 3 that had resigned for the Versailles subdivision. James McCord addressed the council give the details of this resolution. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(10) RESOLUTION 09-13 - A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INCARCERATION FEE ACCOUNT AT ARVEST BANK CENTERTON AND DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM VARIOUS ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE INCARCERATION FEE ACCOUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This resolution is to establish an account for a \$5.00 fine collected on misdemeanors and traffic violations to defray incarceration expenses. Jan addressed the council with the details of this resolution. Police Chief Lance Johnson stated that the fee could be between \$5.00 and \$20.00 and that he felt like for right now \$5.00 would cover the expenses. He also stated that we could increase the fee by resolution later if it were needed. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. Andrew read the resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (11) **A&P COMMISSION APPOINTMENT** - Mayor Griffith stated that Anthony Martin from Sonic Drive-In Restaurant is being recommended for the Centerton A&P Commission. Kathy Huber made a motion to make that appointment with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (12) **PARKS AND RECREATION** - Patricia Thornhill addressed the council and explained that the Centerton Parks and Recreation was meeting regularly and discussing a little bit more about the Black Springs Veteran Memorial Park and the ideas that we have for that park including engraved brick pavers. She stated that the next meeting would be on June 16th. Patricia also stated that we are still looking at the Brimwoods park as a possible location for a basketball/volleyball court and picnic area. She also stated that Parks & Rec approved some funding for the Street Department to clean up the over growth around the lake by the entrance to Sienna Estates. Patricia said that possibly we might be able to clean up enough of that area to get some picnic tables and possibly a BBQ grill in there. Patricia also asked the council to approve the appointment of Bill Edwards to the Centerton Parks and Recreation Committee. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to approve the appointment with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Griffith stated that the Arkansas Game and Fish stocked the pond on Harvest with 150 fish.
- (13) **POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISE APPROVALS** - Keith Higginbotham made a motion to raise the salary of Officer Tiffany Lowe from \$13.23 per hour (\$27,500 per year) to \$13.71 per hour (\$28,500 per year) and Officer Ty Eggebrecht from \$13.63 per hour (\$28,350 per year) to \$13.94 per hour (\$29,000 per year) with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (14) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Administration-** Jan Dolan reported that the city has gone live with the new accounting system as of May 18th and that all is well. She also reminded everyone that Sunday is Centerton Day at Arvest Ballpark and that tickets are \$8.00 a piece and still available. **Planning** - Lorene Taul reported that there was a Highway Department meeting last week that she attended and that one of the main things that they talked about was an access management plan for the highway to control areas for tuning and entering the highway and also beautifying some highway areas. Lorene also introduced the City of Centerton Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Map. A copy is included in the Council's packets and Lorene stated that there is a map on the table for this meeting and some to take home. She said the public hearing for this plan is June 23rd, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for public comment. Lorene also brought up the Regional Trail Plan and said that she would be meeting with the Regional Trails Group in the next week or two. She said the City has done a trail plan and that we need to adopt it. **Police** - Chief Johnson stated that we had 2 officers graduate from the Academy and that Anthony Martinez graduated from Narcotics Training. He said there will be monthly meetings in regards to narcotics and that Officer Martinez

will be able to bring that training and information back to the other officers here. Lance said that a portion of a grant filed with the county about a year ago came through and that the dept. received 11 ballistic helmets. They purchased tactical vests as well. He said that they are looking at purchasing bags to put all the gear in. He said that the bags, knee pads and elbow pads he applied for assistance on were approved federally but turned down by the State. Lance said they are getting a \$2000.00 ballistic shield instead. He said that Wal-Mart gave them a \$1000.00 grant to purchase a video camera and that the Law Enforcement Block Grant came in at \$4500.00. He will use that money to submit for 2 more digital cameras for the cars and 1 more portable digital camera to help out with crime scenes. Lance stated that they had figured in the budget this year to purchase another vehicle, but with the Chrysler situation he could not get his bid in. He asked the council to look at using half of the \$20,000.00 earmarked for the car for purchasing 5 more AR-15's, so that everyone has one on the force instead of passing the 5 they currently have around. Lance said that he talked to Chief Allen in Bentonville about "school shooting" training, and that our officers would be involved the next time they have it. He said that Tiffany is going through Radar and Advanced Field Sobriety training right now. Patricia Thornhill asked about the condition of the department's bullet proof vests. Lance gave details about the recommendations and current conditions as well as how the program works to get new vests. Lance said that he checks the vests every 6 months and that we should be good through 2010. **Streets** - Bert said that he wants to put paving the drive to the police department out for bid as well as the overlay for Gamble Road and Keller Road. He said he will do some dozer work for Parks & Rec at the entrance to Sienna along the water with the money that was given. He said that they have done some major work on Tycoon and that there is more to be done. Bert said they also did some more work on Holloway Road as well. **Fire** - Keith Higginbotham reported that last month; several people from the fire department underwent a couple of classes. One was confined space rescue and the other was trench rescue. Keith said they already had to use their confined space training to rescue an intoxicated female that had gone about 300 feet down one of our drainage ditches. Bert said that he has since put grates over the culverts on Firewood and Seba.

- (15) **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Mayor Griffith stated that the building permits and Street and Fire transactions from May, 2009 were in there packets. She reminded everyone that there will be an A&P meeting on June 24th, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. She also reminded everyone again of Centerton Day at Arvest Ballpark. She also stated that the July City Council meeting will be 7/21/2009 instead of 7/14/2009. Keith reminded everyone about the Annual Kids Fishing Day at the fish hatchery on June 13, 2009 and Tommy Laird gave details.

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

Bobbie Griffith, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk/Recorder