

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2010**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bobbie Griffith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the prayer was offered by Todd Wright. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bobbie Griffith, Kathy Huber, Patricia Thornhill, Josie Reed, Tommy Laird, Randy Thomas and Keith Higginbotham. Those present and not answering roll call were Jennifer Robinson, Todd Wright, Brian Rabal, Howard Slinkard, Andrew Huntsinger, Lance Johnson, Bert Johnson and Jeff Coffelt. Lorene Burns and Robert Coffelt were absent as Department Heads.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Patricia Thornhill made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 8, 2010 council meeting with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (2) **Planning and Water & Sewer Minutes-** Kathy Huber made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the May 25, 2010 planning minutes and the May Water & Sewer minutes with a 2nd from Patricia Thornhill. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Patricia Thornhill made a motion to accept the June, 2010 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (4) **Ordinance 2010-13- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14 TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND BELONGING TO KERRY LAYMAN FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2).** Mayor Griffith addressed the council and explained this ordinance and gave a description of the location of the property. She stated that Planning approved this in their June meeting. Kathy Huber made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council 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 Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. 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 Randy Thomas. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (5) Ordinance 2010-14- AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14 TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND BELONGING TO DONALD O. AND SHIRLEY I. FRY FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-1).** Mayor Griffith addressed the council and explained this ordinance and gave a location of the property. She stated that Planning approved this in their June meeting. Kathy Huber made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Randy Thomas. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew read the ordinance by title only. Josie Reed 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. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt ordinance with a 2nd from Josie Reed. 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 Randy Thomas. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) Resolution 2010-08- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS TRACTOR, INC., FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, FOR RENTAL OF A TRACTOR/LOADER/BACKHOE.** Mayor Griffith addressed the council and explained the need for the tractor and discussed the contract. She stated that we always lease a backhoe for 2 years and our 2 years are up. She stated that she looked into buying the backhoe, but the lease was the better option. Keith mentioned that when you buy, you take on the maintenance as well. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Kathy Huber. All council 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 Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (7) Resolution 2010-09- A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS 2008-10 AND 2008-11 REGARDING BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON-** Mayor Griffith addressed the council and stated that this resolution was to remove Jan Dolan from the City bank accounts and to place Jennifer Robinson on them. Kathy Huber 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. Andrew read the resolution by title only. Kathy Huber made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (8) Extend term on Planning Commission- Tyler Steele, Bethy Slyter and Rick Hudson. Terms expire June 30, 2010 to be extended three years to June 30, 2013-** Mayor Griffith brought this item to the council and stated that it had been approved by the Planning Commission. Kathy Huber made a motion to extend the terms with a 2nd from Josie Reed. Tommy Laird, Keith Higginbotham, Kathy Huber and Josie Reed voted in favor. Patricia Thornhill and Randy Thomas opposed the extensions. The motion carried.
- (9) Approve Appointment of Levy Williams and Brad Carpenter to the Centerton Parks and Recreation Committee-** Patricia Thornhill introduced Levy Williams and Brad Carpenter to the council and gave some of the background for each of them. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to appoint Levy Williams to the Centerton Parks and Recreation Committee with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Patricia Thornhill made a motion to appoint Brad Carpenter to the Centerton Parks and Recreation Committee with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (10) Centerton Water and Sewer Representation to the Two-Ton-** Mayor Griffith addressed the council regarding keeping Melvin Coffelt as the Representative to the Two-Ton and Jeff Coffelt as the Alternate from CWSD. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to keep them in that capacity with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (11) Department Reports- Street-** Bert stated that he is looking into options for an overlay of Greenhouse Road with the County and is also looking into an overlay for parts of Fish Hatchery. He stated that they were standing very busy with all of the mowing. **Police-** Chief Johnson said that he was reappointed to the 911 board for a five year term. Lance stated that he is back at full staff and that Cody and T.J. Graduated in June. He stated that the fireworks stand worked by the city employees, policemen and 12 local teachers generated \$3600.00 and that there was an additional \$587.00 in donations. He stated that they were robbed for \$1400.00, but captured four local juvenile suspects that confessed to the crime. Lance stated that it gives the teachers about \$6000.00 plus \$3000.00 for “Shop with a Cop”. He stated that he had applied for a \$19,900.00 grant for a portable traffic radar and was turned down, but that he was applying for another \$2200.00 grant. He stated that the 5 new bullet proof vests have come in. He stated that the department needs 5000 rounds of ammo and that it would cost \$2144.00, leaving him about \$5800.00 in the budget, which he stated that he would like to use to purchase 4 more AR-15’s for the officers. He stated that he has 10 officers including him and that the 4 new would give him 9 AR-15’s. He stated that the cost would be around \$1200.00 to \$1300.00 plus tax each and that if it was going

to put him over budget, he would like to get at least 3. Patricia Thornhill asked where donations were monitored and used. Lance explained where donations come from and stated that he used donations for plaques and awards for the end of the year. He stated that the department has 8 shotguns and that he would like to budget for 2 more shotguns and 1 more AR-15 next year. Keith Higginbotham made a motion for Chief Johnson to buy the amount that he has the funds for in his budget with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor except for Randy Thomas, who abstained. The motion carried. **Planning-** Jeff Coffelt stated that the flood study is done and that F.E.M.A. will have to either completely accept or deny what has been presented by us through David Todd, followed by about a 90 day time period for property owners affected by the result. **Fire-** Jeff Coffelt stated that as far as Centerton Day goes, we will have the fish tank, a Daisy b-b gun shoot, Carroll Electric, Ozark Paranormal Society, the National Guard will have pedal cars, Air-Evac., a basketball shoot, football throw, horseshoes, kids wet/dry activities, 2 bands, a gun raffle, walk/run, fireman's muster and tug of war, Tiny Tot competition and Beef O' Brady's will be doing the concession stand. He said the gun raffle is still going on and that there is about 1100 tickets left. Jeff stated that they have had 297 runs for the year, with none on the 4th of July. He stated that he got some metal building specs for the new Fire Department and would be willing to help look for some for the new Street Department as well. He stated that the money is available for the Fire Department with it being a bond issue. He said the bids will be for a building erected only, since the sights are so different they will bid the dirt work separately. He stated that hopefully we will have buildings in October or November. **Water-** Jeff Coffelt stated that the Water & Sewer Department has a base station that really helped with the Flood study and is available for the City to use for other studies. Jeff stated that the Two-Ton voted at their last board meeting to put a franchise fee on every purchaser that will run from October of this year to December of 2011 of \$1.25. Jeff stated that the Centerton Water & Sewer Commission would have to decide if they can absorb it or have to pass it on to the users. Jeff stated that some of the council may remember the Bond Group coming to the City and telling us that the Two-Ton rate would never go up. Jeff said that the bond group misquoted what their payments would be. He said their construction costs have been coming in right but their excess funds for reserve have to be paid. He said that they have made cuts but can't pay all the bills. He stated that it could be about \$7000.00 per month in franchise fees for the CWSD.

- (12) **Announcements-** Mayor Griffith pointed out to the council that the June, 2010 Permits were in the council's packets. She also announced that Robert Coffelt had back Surgery and asked for everyone to keep him in their prayers.

Kathy Huber made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bobbie Griffith, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk