

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2012**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the prayer was offered by Todd Wright. 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 role call were Todd Wright, Jennifer Robinson, Brian Rabal, Andrew Huntsinger, Street Superintendant Rick Hudson, Police Chief Lance Johnson, Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez and Water & Sewer Superintendant Frank Holzkamper. Fire Chief Delton Bush, Planning Commissioner Lorene Burns and Building Inspector Robert Coffelt were absent.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 8, 2012 council meeting with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (2) **Planning, Water & Sewer, Parks and A&P Minutes-** Josie Reed made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the April 24, 2012 Planning minutes, April 20, 2012 Water & Sewer minutes as well as the May 1, 2012 Parks & Recreation minutes and April 19, 2012 A&P Commission minutes with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that through 41.2% of the year, we have received 55.18% of our income and that our expenses were at 34.51%. He detailed some of the reason why our income was ahead and gave caution to those numbers. Skye Petty made a motion to accept the May2012 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (4) **Department Reports- Building Inspector-** Robert Coffelt was not present for the meeting, but his building inspection stats were presented in the council's packets. **Police-** Police Chief Lance Johnson stated that he had just left a 911 board meeting. He stated that he had to let an officer go and that there was an opening at the PD. He stated that the period for applications closes tomorrow and that so far, he has had 4 certified applicants. He stated that the 2 new Tahoe's were up and running. He stated that the firework stand will be open from June 28 to July 4 and that they were looking for volunteers. He mentioned that there were a lot of teachers signed up to help. **Street-** Rick Hudson stated that they have been doing a lot of clearing and working on drainage. He stated that they have also been doing a lot of work on the City Parks and the ball fields at the Sports Park. He stated that the lease is up on the backhoe, stating that the new one is almost ready and that we will have a loaner in the meantime. He also stated that they have laid out the new gazebo and detailed the next steps. **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. **Fire-** Mayor Edwards stated that Fire Chief Delton Bush was away on a mission trip. He pointed out the call sheet in the council's packets. He stated that we had 82 runs last month, bringing our total for the year up to 296 runs, with 221 in the city limits. He said that 218 of those runs were EMS runs and 78 were for fires. He also stated that hydrant testing was under way. He mentioned that there is \$12,000.00 worth of damage to the ladder truck and that the tree involved had been trimmed back. **Water-** Frank Holzkamper addressed the council. He gave updates on Hwy102. He stated that the water portion was done and that they were waiting on test samples to come back. He stated that they were also starting on phase II of the Bella Vista Bypass project. Mayor Edwards stated that Hwy102 widening project was going out to bid July 21, 2012. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going good at the Shelter. He said that they got more lighting and cameras for the shelter. Terry stated that they worked an adoption event with Sears and had 3 adoptions. **Admin-** Jennifer stated that the audit is scheduled for August and that she will be busy getting everything ready. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards mentioned the tentative schedule for Centerton Day. He stated that he didn't realize how much work went into it. He asked for donations for the auction and for staffing help.

- (5) **Resolution 2012-08- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY ON A PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING EXISTING POWER LINES REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) **Resolution 2012-09- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH STEELE DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. He stated that there were 5 bids on the project and stated that Steele Development was the low bid at \$615,000.00. He said the highest bid was from Heckathorn Construction at \$698,000.00. He stated that there was one bid for security. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. 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.

(7) Ordinance 2012-11- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A MORTGAGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE STATION FACILITIES AND SECURING SUCH FINANCING; DESIGNATING THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AS A QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATION; AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY. Mayor Edwards stated the need for this ordinance and gave details of the terms and use of this loan. The council was provided with a schedule for the expenses for the project. The council had questions of why we were taking out a loan if we already have the funds in reserve to cover this project. There was lengthy discussion. Skye Petty made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the emergency clause. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Ordinance 2012-14- AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NEW PLANNING AREA MAP. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and detailed the need for this ordinance. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian read the ordinance by title only. Robin Reed made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed 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 2012-15- AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING SECTION 13.04.05 OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mayor Edwards stated the need for this ordinance and detailed the pay of the Planning Commission. Robin 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

Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the emergency clause. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements- Keith Higginbotham mentioned the success of the Fishing Derby this past weekend. PJ Milstead from the Centerton Area Chamber of Commerce gave details about the upcoming Pancake Breakfast, partnered with the Chamber, The City and The Yes Committee. Mayor Edwards reminded everyone about Coffee with the Mayor would be in combination with the Pancake Breakfast. He also mentioned Centerton Day again. The council recognized Jeff and Lisa Coffelt and their efforts in past Centerton Days. Mayor Edwards stated that the A&P Commission meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at Subway.

There was no more business or announcements and Skye Petty made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk