

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013**

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

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 12, 2013 city council meeting with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (2) **Planning, Water & Sewer and Parks Minutes-** Tommy Laird made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the January 22, 2013 Planning meeting minutes, January 17, 2013 Water & Sewer minutes, January 16, 2013 A & P minutes and the February 5, 2013 Parks and Recreation 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 we are 17% through the year and we have received 22% of our revenue. He stated that our expenditures are at 17%. Skye Petty made a motion to accept the February 2013 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Department Reports- Building Inspection- Robert Coffelt was absent, but put the Building Permit Report and a letter in the council's packets that stated: As you can see by the report permit revenue was down in February compared to January putting us at \$30,186.50 on the year, at 40% of budget for 2013. We held a pre-construction meeting this morning with Benton County Solid Waste on the new facility going in. Projected to start construction around April 1st and projected completion in June. As you can see the Methodist Church is moving along with the erection of the steel frame for the facility. The Centerton Gamble School project is moving well with walls almost completed and roof. Casey's general store is moving well with still projected date of April to open. Residential permits are still being pulled weekly from Meadowland, Oak

Tree, Willow, Copper Oaks, Forrest Park, Char Lou, Ridgefield II, Summerset, Timber Ridge, Tarah Knolls, Sienna II and Quail Ridge. I am also happy to announce that Cherie Vaughan has passed her plumbing inspector test and is now licensed. Her training will be ongoing with mainly field work training by myself. As more training becomes available and feasible we will be there. **Police-** Police Chief Lance Johnson pointed out the stats for February 2013 and asked if there were any questions. He gave an update on the new PD, stating that they have been moving their furniture, supplies and equipment in. He stated that the applications for the open officer position closed last Friday and that he hasn't had time to go through the candidates yet, but that they will do that next week. Lance states that the county sent prisoners to help with the move into the new PD. Lance detailed his involvement in the building of the new PD. He expressed his frustration. Robin Reed asked Lance if we should include a penalty clause in future capital projects to hold the contractor more accountable. There was discussion. Lance said the Tahoe's should be in next month. **Street-** Rick Hudson stated that they did drainage improvements on Bliss, Zachary, Gamble and 2nd Streets. He stated that they chose an engineering firm for the Sports Park. He stated that the new truck came in and that Lorene was bringing it back from Little Rock. He stated that they have been helping Lance at the new PD. **Planning-** Mayor Edwards stated that Lorene and Sally are in Little Rock for training. He gave a short report for her. He stated that they are still taking applications for the open Planning position. **Fire-** Delton Bush thanked the council for their understanding of the maintenance expenses. He stated that there is a pickup that they are going to turn into a brush truck. He said they did run # 130 today. He stated that they have been working on their "Fire Box" system and gave details. He stated that they have been working on fire hydrants and have found some closed valves. He mentioned the bids on the support truck and the low lease rate. Delton stated the Steele Development is going to fix the roof leaks at no extra charge. He stated that the ice stops have all fallen off the FD roof as well and that he is working on that. **Water-** Frank Holzkomper stated that have been working on their long range plans and presented a copy to the council. He stated that it has been business as usual otherwise. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going well at the shelter. He presented the council with a list of the number of dogs they have received from the partnering cities. Terry mentioned the upcoming rabies clinic on April 13th. Terry mentioned the fact that there could be an issue with the partnering cities bringing us dogs immediately after they are picked up, stating that those cities are required by law to hold the dogs for a certain amount of time to allow owners to pick them up before they bring them to us. **Administration-** Jennifer stated that things were business as usual. She asked if everyone had received their accident enrollment forms. **Chamber of Commerce-** PJ addressed the council and gave details about the current state of the Chamber. He discussed the financials. He mentioned the morning mill around at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday and the Pancake Breakfast Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and the upcoming rodeo. He said they have recovered all of the Chamber property from the previous president. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards stated that there is an Activities Committee meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. He stated that Starbucks and Aldi had replied to the letters we sent out and are not ready to come to Centerton at this time. There was discussion about other possible businesses. Mayor Edwards stated that he has a list of property owners along Hwy 102. Mayor Edwards stated that we have 2

vehicles on Gov Deals right now. He mentioned that we and C.E.I. got Engineering Excellence Honor award for our work on the flood study.

(4) Ordinance 2013-01- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14.04.11 TO REGULATE ALCOHOL SALES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. He detailed the changes in this ordinance since the last council meeting. Keith Higginbotham 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. Andrew Huntsinger read the resolution 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. Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor, except for Tommy Laird, who voted NO, and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger read the emergency clause. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor, except for Tommy Laird who voted NO, and the motion carried.

(5) Ordinance 2013-05- AN ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEASE OF A ROAD GRADER; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. Robin Reed 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. Andrew Huntsinger 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 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 Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger read the emergency clause. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(6) Ordinance 2013-06- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.05 TITLED “COMPENSATION”. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance, asking for the council’s permission to raise the compensation for Planning Members to \$75.00 per meeting, the Planning Commissioner to \$100.00 per meeting and the Planning Secretary to \$75.00 per meeting, with an additional \$75.00 for typing the minutes. Robin Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and

the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger read the resolution 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 Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(7) Ordinance 2013-07- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.28.08 AND SECTION 2.28.09 OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to adjust and set fire protection fees and clean up the code book. 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. Andrew Huntsinger read the resolution 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 Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger read the emergency clause. Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Resolution 2013-08- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH ELIZABETH BOWEN FOR GIS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.

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 Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger read the resolution by title only. Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(9) Resolution 2013-09- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STRIBLING EQUIPMENT LLC, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR LEASE OF A TRACTOR/LOADER/BACKHOE.

Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Jennifer addressed the fact that this was not a budgeted item for the Street Department. Robin Reed 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. Andrew Huntsinger read the resolution by title only.

Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (10) **Resolution 2013-10- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUNBELT FIRE OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA, FOR THE LEASE OF A SUPPORT TRUCK .** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Jennifer stated that this truck was a budgeted item for the Fire Department. Delton addressed the council and detailed the need for this support truck. Josie Reed 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. Andrew Huntsinger 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.
- (11) **Resolution 2013-11- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA AND THE CITY OF CENTERTON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Tommy Laird made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger 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 2013-12- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO ACCEPT A WARRANTY DEED FROM RAUSCH COLEMAN HOMES NWA, LLC.** 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 Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Andrew Huntsinger 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) **Hiring Darrin Edwards Temporary to Check Fire Hydrants-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and expressed the need for this service and gave details. He stated that this is a budgeted item. Fire Chief Delton Bush gave details

of the service that will be provided. Jennifer addressed the payroll side of this service. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to approve payment of up to \$10.00 per fire hydrant with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (14) **Discuss Offer from Trinity Multi Family for Pomeroy Property-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and gave details about the location and history of this property. He stated that he would like to sell this property to Trinity for \$7500.00. He asked the council for their opinion. There was discussion. Keith asked that we table this and have the mayor price an appraisal.

- (15) **Other Business-** Misty Elam stated that Centerton-Gamble Elementary was interested in seeing if the City would help with getting Weather Bug set up on the school property. She stated that the total amount was around \$20,000.00. The council asked her to get more detailed information before the next council meeting

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

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk