

**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

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

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 9, 2012 council meeting with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (2) **Planning, Water & Sewer, Parks and A&P Minutes-** Keith Higginbotham made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 25, 2012 Planning minutes, September 20 and 24, 2012 Water & Sewer minutes and the August 16, 2012 A&P minutes with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that 83% through the year, our expenditures are at 68%, with 101% of our revenue in. He stated that we still have some payments coming up for the new Police Department. Skye Petty made a motion to accept the October 2012 City and Court financials with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (4) **Department Reports- Building Inspection-** Mayor Edwards stated that the building permit report was in the council's packets and that we have had 97 residential building permits YTD. **Police-** Police Chief Lance Johnson pointed out the stats and asked if there were any questions. He stated that Shop With a Cop will be December 13, 2012. He said there will be 9 children sponsored, with 5 from the Children of Centerton Program and 4 through the Police Donation Account from Centerton Day. Lance said the new Tahoe was in and at Light Em Up, getting some equipment installed. Lance gave an update on the new PD and stated that the tentative completion date is 12/17/12. He stated that they made a little over \$7000.00 at the Chili Supper and stated that they may not do the fireworks stand next year, opting to do something else in its place. **Street-** Rick Hudson stated that they have been cleaning the back roads. He stated that they have been working one man down and hope to be back to full staff in 2-3 weeks. **Planning-** Lorene Burns stated that it has been so busy with commercial plans.

She stated that she received 33 applications for the open position, with the cut-off being yesterday or until the position is filled. She said the regional ISO person was back and visited with Robbie. She stated that she has also been working on the CRS submittals that are due in 2 days. **Fire-** Fire Chief Delton Bush stated that they are over 600 runs for the year. He stated that they are still having some issues with the ladder truck, but that they are going to continue to work on it. He stated that they completed their Fire Protection Training at the local schools recently. He also stated that their hose testing completed and should be doing their annual engine and pump testing before the end of the month. **Water-** Frank Holzkamper had nothing to report. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going well. He said they had 17 adoptions last month. He stated that they currently have 3 dogs at the shelter. **Admin-** Jennifer Robinson stated that the audit was complete on and that we had an exit review last week, with one more after Thanksgiving. She said it will then go to Legislative audit and then the council will receive their copy of the audit. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards stated that the Chamber Pancake Breakfast will be November 17th from 8-11 a.m. He stated that December 7th at 6:30p.m. we will have the Employee Christmas Dinner at City Hall. He also stated the Annual Christmas Parade and Tree lighting will be Saturday December 8th at 4:30p.m.

(5) Chamber of Commerce Presentation- PJ Milstead presented the council with the chamber budget. He stated that they have some debt and that they are working on it. The budget showed a net loss for the year as (\$7463.21). PJ stated that the Vice Chairman resigned at the last meeting and that they had been looking forward to him taking an active role in membership growth. He stated that there might be more to follow. PJ also stated that the Pancake Breakfast is supposed to be this Saturday and that he would confirm that date with the Mayor. There was discussion.

(6) Contract Attorney Presentations- Mayor Edwards stated that there will be two (2) presentations for the City's Contract Attorney position. He stated that a third applicant didn't feel that now was a good time to apply. Mike Niederbaumer spoke on behalf of Howard Slinkard. He passed out a statement of qualifications to the council. The presentation was made. He stated that their fee would be \$175.00 per hour. Brian Rabal represented himself. He made his presentation to the council. He stated that his rate would be \$135.00 per hour. He mentioned that he is the elected City Attorney and that he is a resident of Centerton. He also stated his interest in the City Prosecutor position, stating that it currently pays \$725.00 per month and is being raised to \$775.00. He stated that he would be willing to accept the position at \$700.00 per month.

(7) Ordinance 2012-25- AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-24 OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance. Bob Anderson made a presentation on behalf of the CWSD to the council, stating that the Bond Market has gotten even better since the last meeting, making it possible to refinance every loan except for one with USDF. He stated that they need to adjust the amount to \$8.7 million. He stated that this could save almost \$900,000.00 over the remaining life of these loans by doing this. Robin Reed 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. Brian Rabal 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 Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Tommy Laird made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Josie 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 Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Resolution 2012-19- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO ACCEPT A RIGHTOF WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT FROM BENTON COUNTY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution. Lorene Burns gave the details to the council. Josie Reed 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. 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.

(9) Resolution 2012-20- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH DEVEREUX AND ASSOCIATES FOR GIS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained that this is a project that we would like to get started on this year and carry into next year's budget and gave details on the project to update our mapping system. He stated that this is way overdue. Lorene Burns also addressed the council to give more details. Robin Reed 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. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2nd from Tommy Laird. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(10) Resolution 2012-21- A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-16 TO DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM VARIOUS ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S COURT BANK ACCOUNT AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROGERS, CENTERTON BRANCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution, stating that Elizabeth Hulse and one of the other approved signors must sign the checks. Tommy Laird 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. Brian Rabal 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.

(11) Levelization Pay- Mayor Edwards addressed the council and stated that this is the Levelization pay that we approve every year. He stated that it was started in 2008 and that from 2008-2010 department heads were paid \$650.00 and the other full-time employees were paid \$350.00. He stated that in 2011 they approved \$500.00 across the board. He stated that they have had it built into the budget as up to a 4% pay raise. He asked the council to approve a one-time Levelization Pay of \$500 for all employees, except for those that have been here less than one (1) year, and that they would receive \$250.00 like we did the previous year. Robin Reed made a motion to approve the one-time Levelization Pay of \$500.00 for employees with over one (1) year of service and \$250.00 for employees with less than one (1) year of service, with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements- Mayor Edwards stated that the next Committee of the Whole meeting was changed to Monday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. He stated that we have some budget items to discuss and a letter promoting our city. Jennifer stated that she would like to have the council's last quarter pay out by the middle of December, after the December council meeting on 12/11/12.

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

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk