

**CITY OF CENTERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The prayer was offered by Todd Wright. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Skye Petty, Misty Elam, Josie Reed and Robin Reed. Tommy Laird and Keith Higginbotham were absent. Those present and not answering role call were Todd Wright, Brian Rabal, Robert Coffelt, Lorene Burns, Lance Johnson, Frank Holzkamper, Rick Hudson, Terry Sanchez and Matt Thompson. Jennifer Robinson was absent.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 13, 2013 city council meeting and with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members present voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (2) **Planning, Parks & Recreation and Water & Sewer Minutes-** Misty Elam made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the July 23, 2013 Planning, July 2, 2013 Parks & Rec and July 18, 2013 Water & Sewer minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members Present voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that we are 66% through the year and we have received 87% of our revenue. He stated that our expenditures are at 66%. Skye Petty made a motion to accept the August 2013 City and Court financials with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members present voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (4) **Department Reports- Building Inspection-** Robert Coffelt provided a Building Permit Report in the council's packets and gave details from the report. He stated that we were down a little bit in August from July, but still up for the year. He said we are still pulling permits on townhomes and residential homes. Robert stated that new electrical codes will be coming out next year and that new building codes will be coming effective at the first of the year. He said the new energy codes will also become effective at the first of the year that will have drastic changes that will be impactful on the builders. He said they are trying to communicate these changes to the builders and encouraging them to speak up. There was discussion about how Cheri was doing. Robert said she was doing very

well. Robert stated that he and Cheri will be going to a one day training together next month and that they will post that and notify our builders. **Planning-** Lorene Burns stated that she, Allison and Rick will be attending the Flood Plain Conference during the next Planning meeting. She said there will be a few items that will allow public comments during that meeting that include 5 conditional-use requests. She stated that she is working on 2 development plans that have been submitted. Lorene stated that they are working on the Planning area, Zoning Map and master Street Plan on October 22, 2013. She said she hopes to post those items on line. She said that she and Allison attended mapping training today. She said that she talked to Elizabeth Bowen about upcoming budget numbers for GIS and she said we are looking at \$2875 for Pictometry. She said they are working on a license agreement with Benton and Washington Counties, where all the cities and two counties go together and get a package licensing deal, that would cost us \$2000.00- \$4000.00, as opposed to an on-line server that would run around \$7000.00- \$10,000.00. **Police-** Chief Lance Johnson pointed out the stats for August 2013 and asked if there were any questions. He stated that he is currently attending the Chief's Conference in Rogers. He said he hired Dean Anderson as the new officer and detailed Dean's experience and training. . Lance stated that we are still down one officer and that we may be losing another officer for up to 3 months to military training. He said that court is going smooth. Lance mentioned the Pork Butt Sale. He said they are moving the Chili Supper to March.

**Streets/Parks-** Street Superintendent Rick Hudson stated that the HWY102 project is looking really good, with the South side being almost complete and all dressed out. He said they have been making improvements on Allen Road to accommodate the State's drainage. He said that mowing is just about done for the year. He stated that they are waiting for the Methodist Church's completion before moving forward with their overlay projects. He stated that they still have work to do on Tycoon, Shady Acres, Fish Hatchery West and a couple of streets in town. He said they have a landscape design class coming up for Parks & Rec. Rick stated that they have submitted the paperwork for final approval to the State for the Walking Trail and have submitted a drawing to the Corps of Engineers for a bridge crossing. He said he hopes they can get started in a month or so. He said that there are some drainage issues that they are working on around Walker Street that looks like it might run about \$100,000.00 to repair. He said he will come to council next month with more information. **Fire-** Matt Thompson addressed the council and stated that the Skid Unit for the Brush Truck came in last week and they were installing it today. He said he heard it running and knows that it pumps water. He stated that the new Support Truck should be ready in the next month. He stated that they have had over 500 fire runs for the year. He also stated that Delton had submitted new SOG's for review by the attorney and the council.

**Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going good at the shelter. He stated that the Pit Bull litter born at the shelter should be ready for adoption in about 2 weeks. He stated that they currently have 9 dogs at the shelter, not counting the 9 puppies. He said that he gets donations about once a week. **Water-** CWSD Superintendent Frank Holzkamper stated that the Bella Vista By-pass project is complete on our end. He stated that they had a

special meeting Monday night, where they approved the bid for the water project on Greenhouse Road from Kimmel Road to Quail Ridge and that the Greenhouse Road water project from Kimmel to Quail Ridge and from Womack down to Stoneleigh. He said the bids came in \$50,000.00 below their estimates. He stated that they also approved letting out for bid, a sewer project in the same vicinity, from Greenhouse and Hwy102 down to the Business Park lift station. Frank stated that he hope it goes out to bid by the middle of next week. He said they are out getting easements on another project. He said that they went to Little Rock and met with the Water Advisory Committee and they approved the Decatur Project. He said if there are no more hurdles, they will start working on design, easements and seeking funding for the project. Frank stated that the last water bill was a 5 week cycle, so those bills will be higher. Frank stated that wanted to remove their appeal on the denial of the wastewater discharge permit. Skye petty made a motion to approve the release of the appeal, contingent on Brian Rabal's approval, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and it was approved. **Administration-** Jennifer was absent. Mayor Edwards stated that our audit was wrapping up and Todd stated that we had our first preliminary Exit Review. Misty asked if we have heard anything about the cemetery and Brian stated that he has been in contact with Brian Verneti and that there is a question about the Trust having a marketable title, showing that they actually own the land. There was discussion. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards reminded everyone to get out and vote in the millage election.

**(5) Ordinance 2013-15- AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14 TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS BELONGING TO PAUL R. & AUDREY M. EICHENLAUB, TRUSTEES OF THE PAUL R. & AUDREY M. EICHENLAUB JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST; AND DARRYL R. GRAHAM AND PAMELA A. GRAHAM; FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2).**

Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to rezone this property at Greenhouse Road and Hwy102. Robin Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Skye Petty made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the emergency clause. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the emergency clause with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (6) Ordinance 2013-16- AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES ASSESSED IN DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to designate someone to collect fines assessed in District Court per a new State law. Josie Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Misty Elam made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (7) Resolution 2013-21- A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY PARKS AND SPORTS COMPLEX OWNED BY THE CITY OF CENTERTON.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to name some of our local parks and to recognize some of the citizens that have previously served in our community. He stated that this has been approved by the Parks & Recreation Board. He stated that through this resolution, the Sports Park would be named "Kinyon Sports Complex", in honor of Sherman Kinyon, the park at 900 Harvest Street would be named "Griffith Park", in honor of Bobbie Griffith, and the park at 600 Cass Street would be named "Thompson Park", in honor of Dale Thompson. Mayor Edwards gave details. Robin Reed stated that they wanted to make sure there was a plaque placed at each of the parks, commemorating the person the park is named after. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Misty Elam made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (8) Resolution 2013-22- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, TO PURCHASE FROM CJ'S ELECTRIC OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS, A GENERATOR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to purchase a generator for the police department. Josie Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**(9) Other Business-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and stated that he was going to ask the council to approve a 14<sup>th</sup> police officer in next year's budget. He stated that after the recent information about the possibility of losing an officer to military training for 3 months, he asked the council if they would be interested in approving the 14<sup>th</sup> officer at this time. There was discussion. Misty Elam made a motion to table the discussion until the 10/8/13 council meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty.

**(10) Announcements-** Mayor Edwards pointed out the flyer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicken, Peelin' & Politikin' event, scheduled for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Arvest Ballpark. Mayor Edwards stated that he and Robin are going to a budgeting class in Little Rock on Friday.

There was no more business or announcements. Robin Reed made a motion to adjourn with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Bill Edwards, Mayor

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Todd Wright, City Clerk