

**CITY OF CENTERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2016**

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, Keith Higginbotham, Josie Reed, Robin Reed, Wayne Low and Skye Petty. Misty Elam was absent. Those present and not answering role call were Todd Wright, Pam Grant, Brian Rabal, Planning Director Lorene Burns, Street Superintendent Rick Hudson, Police Captain Kris Arthur, Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez, Fire Chief Delton Bush and Chief Building Inspector Robert Coffelt. Water & Sewer Superintendent Frank Holzkamper is on vacation.

**Employee of the Year-** Mayor Edwards and Robert Coffelt addressed the council and presented Cherie Matherly with the Employee of the Year Award and presented her with a plaque.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Josie Reed made a motion to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 city council minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (2) **Planning, Board of Zoning Adjustments and Water & Sewer Minutes-** Robin Reed made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CWSD, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Board of Zoning Adjustments and February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Planning meeting minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that 25 % through the year we have received 26.11 % of our budgeted revenue. He stated that our expenditures were at 22.07 %. He highlighted some of the financials for the council. Mayor Edwards stated that he contacted the Department of Finance about a shortfall in city sales tax and turnback and an error was found. He said we should see an increase in our April check. Wayne Low made a motion to accept the March 2016 City and Court financials with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (4) Ordinance 2016-15- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.16 OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE; FIREWORKS;** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to align the city with Arkansas State fireworks codes. The changes were highlighted in the council packets. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (5) Ordinance 2016-16- AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CENTERTON CITY LIMITS BELONGING TO CAN-ARK DIAMOND REALTY LLC FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-3).** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to rezone property on Gamble Road. Robin Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the ordinance by title only. Wayne Low made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) Ordinance 2016-17- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF TUSCANY SUBDIVISION PHASE I, A REPLAT OF LOTS 17-19, 28-30, 34-40 & 44-48 AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL PLAT OF THE TUSCANY SUBDIVISION (PHASE I); CITY OF CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS; ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATIONS THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to accept the final plat with the replatted lots. There was discussion. Robin Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (7) **Ordinance 2016-18- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF TUSCANY, PHASE I, TRACT “A”, CREATING TRACTS “B” AND “E”, CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to accept this replat. There was discussion. Robin Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (8) **Ordinance 2016-19- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF TUSCANY L.L.C., TRACT SPLIT, TRACTS “C” AND “D”, CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to accept this replat. There was discussion. Josie Reed made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (9) **Resolution 2016-07- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLACK HILLS ENERGY ROGERS, ARKANSAS, FOR UTILITY RELOCATION ON GAMBLE ROAD.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to allow the city to only have to move a small portion of a utility on Gamble Road at this time. City Attorney recommended that we have the option to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party look at additional costs at the time of any future movement of this utility on Gamble Road. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to table this resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(10) **Resolution 2016-08-A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A QUITCLAIM DEED TRANSFERRING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN THE DETENTION BASIN DEDICATED TO THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, IN THE FINAL PLAT OF TUSCANY, PHASE I.** Lorene Burns addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to transfer this detention basin. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the resolution by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(11) **Department Reports- Building Inspection-** Cherie Matherly addressed the council and detailed the report in the council's Dropbox packets. **Planning-** Lorene Burns addressed the council and detailed the Planning Project Status Report in the council's Dropbox packets. Lorene gave an update on the Annual Spring Planning Conference in Conway. She stated that there is a Flood Plain Conference coming up at the end of the month. Lorene stated that she is looking at a database program for the planning projects and that she has made an offer for a Planning Assistant. Mayor Edwards presented Lorene with a certificate of completion for the training in Conway. **Police-** Captain Arthur addressed the council and pointed out the stats for the previous month and mentioned the busy week last week, with the shooting. He stated that he and the Sergeants completed 160 hours of training last month. Kris stated that he is applying for a STEP grant and gave details. Robin Reed made a motion to approve the application for this Grant with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. Captain Arthur also presented the council with an Overtime Policy for the PD for their review and gave details. **Streets / Parks & Rec-** Rick Hudson addressed the council and detailed his reports in the Council's Dropbox packets. He stated that he had a conference call today with the Highway Department and stated that we will be able to merge the STPA and TAP grants together. He said it will make things much easier and will also free up around \$150,000.00 by using their money to do the design work. Rick gave a detailed report on the road work being done on and around Gamble Road. Rick stated that they have been doing some drainage preparation work on the south side of town in preparation for the spring rains. Rick stated that the crew has been to Waco for training on the Street Sweeper. Rick gave an update on the ball fields at the Sports Park. **Fire-** Delton Bush addressed the council and stated that there have been 280 calls. He said he has 30 personnel at this time. Delton gave an update on recent and upcoming training and Conferences. **Water & Sewer-** Frank

is on vacation but included a report in the council's packet. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez addressed the council and stated that everything was going well at the shelter, other than the sign blowing down. He stated that they have hired someone for weekends at the Shelter. Terry stated that they currently have 3 dogs at the shelter, with 2 already up for adoption. **Administration-** Pam stated that the auditor is already in place and working until mid-May. She stated that she is going for training on our software system at the end of the month. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and presented them with the TIPS road plan for Northwest Arkansas, as well as the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District Annual Report. He stated that Coffee with the Mayor will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there is an opening on the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission will make their decision on the new member at their next meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- (12) **Appoint Tiffany Morris to Planning Commission-** Mayor Edwards introduced Tiffany Morris to the council and stated that she had been selected from the pool of applicants for the open position on the Planning Commission. Tiffany addressed the council. Josie Reed made a motion to appoint Tiffany Morris to the Planning Commission with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Robin Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (13) **Purchase of 2016 Ram Truck for Code Enforcement-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and stated that he wanted to purchase a 2016 Dodge Ram Quad Cab on the State bid for \$24,965.00. He said it will take another \$2000.00-\$2500.00 to equip with safety lights. He stated that Rick wants to keep the current truck for the mowing crew. There was discussion. Robin Reed made a motion to allow the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Ram Quad Cab on the State bid for \$24,965.00, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (14) **Proclaim May as Building Safety Month-** Mayor Edwards stated that we declare every May as Building Safety Month and presented the council with the proclamation. Robbie addressed the council and gave details.
- (15) **Proclaiming Centerton a Purple Heart City-** Mayor Edwards introduced representatives from The Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mayor Edwards read the proclamation, declaring the City of Centerton, Arkansas a

Purple Heart City. A presentation was made by The Military Order of the Purple Heart.

- (16) **Announcements-** Mayor Edwards stated that Coffee with the Mayor will be Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and the Ravington Open House will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. Terry Sanchez stated that the Rabies Clinic will be Saturday April, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne Low made a motion to adjourn with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Skye Petty. 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

