

**CITY OF CENTERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 10, 2016**

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, Keith Higginbotham, Josie Reed, Robin Reed, Wayne Low, Skye Petty and Misty Elam. 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, Chief Building Inspector Robert Coffelt and Water & Sewer Superintendent Frank Holzkamper. Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez and Fire Chief Delton Bush were absent.

- (1) **Council Minutes-** Skye Petty made a motion to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 city council minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (2) **Planning, Parks & Rec and Water & Sewer Minutes-** Keith Higginbotham made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CWSD, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Parks & Rec and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Planning meeting minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (3) **City and Court Financials-** Mayor Edwards stated that 33 % through the year we have received 36.47% of our budgeted revenue. He stated that our expenditures were at 29 %. He highlighted some of the financials for the council. Robin Reed made a motion to accept the April 2016 City and Court financials with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wayne Low. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
  
- (4) **Ordinance 2016-20- AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CENTERTON CITY LIMITS BELONGING TO CENTREX LLC FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO HIGH DENSITY Residential (R-3) ;** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to rezone this land. There was discussion. Skye Petty made a motion to read the ordinance by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. 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 Misty Elam. 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 2016-21- AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 12.04.05 TITLED PARKING TO CHAPTER 12.04 TO THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this ordinance to address parking in our city parks. 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. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (6) **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. He stated that this resolution was tabled in the last council meeting to clean up some of the language in the contract, adding the words “all reasonable costs”. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to read the resolution by title only 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 resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- (7) **Resolution 2016-09-A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to apply for some Safe Routes to School grants for sidewalks on Gamble Road from Seba and Gamble Roads, South to Bliss Drive and then from there on Bliss to Hwy 102B. There was discussion. Wayne Low made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (8) Resolution 2016-10- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, GENTRY, ARKANSAS, FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AT THE MCKISSICK SPRINGS PARK.** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to allow the city to bring electricity to this park and to the pavilion, putting a transformer to the South of the pavilion. There was discussion. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Wayne Low made a motion to adopt the resolution with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (9) Department Reports- Building Inspection-** Robert Coffelt addressed the council and detailed the report in the council's Dropbox packets. He stated that they do keep records on citizens with storm shelters in case of emergency. Robert also pointed out the Presidential Proclamation - National Building Safety Month. **Planning-** Lorene Burns addressed the council and detailed the Planning Project Status Report in the council's Dropbox packets. Lorene stated that Carletta Ross was hired to work in the Planning Department. Lorene gave an update on her search for Planning software. **Police-** Captain Arthur addressed the council and pointed out the stats for the previous month. He stated that he and the Sergeants completed 160 hours of training last month. Kris detailed some grants that he is applying for and gave an update on training. **Streets / Parks & Rec-** Rick Hudson addressed the council and detailed his reports in the Council's Dropbox packets. Rick stated that next week is National Work Zone Awareness Week. **Fire-** Delton Bush was absent. Keith Higginbotham said they are at 349 runs for the year. He also gave an update on training. **Water & Sewer-** Frank addressed the council and stated that Decatur was currently taking 100% of our flow. He said they will be making their choice for equipment for the Decatur Plant this week and it will go before their Bond Council for financing. He said their audit was completed. Frank pointed out that there were a lot of angry customers with the rate increase. He said that 82% of their revenue goes to paying on loans, paying for water and paying for treatment. He said the other 18% is for maintenance and running the department. He encouraged the council to come to the department with any questions. **Animal Control-** Terry Sanchez was absent but his report was in the council's packets. There are 5 dogs currently at the shelter. April 30<sup>th</sup> was the

Rabies Clinic and there were 95 dogs brought to the clinic. **Administration-** Pam gave an update the system training she went to in Little Rock. She said she continues to work on getting donations for Centerton Day. **Mayor-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council and stated that we are going to move ahead with an 8x10 restroom on the East side of the building in the City Park. He presented the council with plans for the restroom and gave details. He stated that he, Rick and Robert have met with Ace Construction to do the work. He said Parks and Rec approved \$30,000.00 for the project and it should be done for about \$20,000.00. He stated that he was awarded a \$5000 grant that will be used to replace the park equipment lost in the tornado. He updated other grants he has applied for. Mayor Edwards pointed out that he has re-established his weekly letter writing to businesses to get them interested in coming to our city.

**(10) Discuss Food Trucks using the City Park-** Mayor Edwards addressed the council stating that there has been requests and interest in having food trucks in our city and gave details. He said that we would put them in the gravel at the City Park. There was discussion.

**(11) Proclaiming May 15 Tuberculous Sclerocis Global Awareness Day-** Mayor Edwards declared May15 as Tuberculous Sclerocis Global Awareness Day.

**(12) Announcements-** Mayor Edwards stated that Coffee with the Mayor will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and the Ravington Open House will be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

