

**CITY OF CENTERTON
SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2016**

The city council was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Keith Higginbotham, Josie Reed, Robin Reed, Wayne Low and Misty Elam. Sky Petty was absent. Those present and not answering role call were Todd Wright, Brian Rabal, Police Chief Cody Harper and Fire Chief Delton Bush.

(1) Resolution 2016-20- A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.

Mayor Edwards addressed the council and explained the need for this resolution to amend the Employee Policy Handbook to allow for Employee Health Benefits to be effective the first month following 30 days employed. He stated that he has been discussing this with Chief Harper and Chief Bush and has been in contact with the Municipal League and they recommended the wording of the change. A copy of that change was provided to the council members. There was discussion. Robin Reed made a motion to read the resolution by title only with a 2nd 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 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (2) Other Business- 1)** Chief Harper addressed the council and stated that the City of Cave Springs has offered to donate a 1994 Ford armored vehicle to the City of Centerton at no cost to the city. Mayor Edwards stated that liability insurance is \$100.00 annually. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to accept donation of the armored vehicle from Cave Springs to Centerton with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members present voted in favor and the motion carried. **2)** Chief Harper addressed the council and stated that he had been working on giving the officers an opportunity to volunteer for off-duty work. He asked for the council's permission to allow Centerton PD officers to be able to do off-duty work on a contract basis at the University of Arkansas, in city uniforms and using city patrol cars, to be reimbursed to the City to cover all costs

associated with the work, including health care and workman's compensation. Cody stated that the rate of pay is figured at time and a half. There was discussion. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to allow Centerton Police officers to volunteer for off-duty work at the University of Arkansas with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Misty Elam made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd from Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk

