



**CITY OF CENTERTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**(1) Pledge** – The Pledge Allegiance was recited.

**(2) Prayer** – Amy offered the prayer.

**(3) Roll Call** - Those Present and answering Roll Call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Keith Higginbotham, Darren Warren, Josie Reed, Misty Elam, Amy Rochette and Justin Cowgur. Those present and not answering Roll Call were City Attorney Brian Rabal, HR Director Jocelyn Diaz, Financial Director Carl Rabey, City Engineer Alan Craighead, Planning Director Lorene Burns, Police Captain Chris Kelley and Director of Public Works Edgar Barroso.

Mayor's Assistant Nicola Hoofard recorded the meeting in place of City Clerk Todd Wright.

**(4) Council Minutes** –

**Josie Reed made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2022 City Council Meeting, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**CWSD, Planning Commission and A&P Minutes** –

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the Minutes of the October 24, 2022 CWSD Meeting; the November 1, 2022 and November 15, 2022 Planning Commission Meetings; and the November 21, 2022 A&P Commission Meeting, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(5) City and Court Financials** -

Financial Direct Carl Rabey addressed the Council, giving the Financial and Reports for November. Revenue was at 116.07% and Expenses were at 90.41%.

The November Court Report was contained in the Council packets.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Misty Elam made a motion to accept the November, 2022 City & Court Financials, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(6) Department Reports -**

The Department Reports were in the Council Packet.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**(7) Ordinances –**

**Josie Reed made a motion to Read Ordinances 2022-88, 2022-89, 2022-90, 2022-91, 2022-92, 2022-93, 2022-94, 2022-95, 2022-96, 2022-97, 2022-98, 2022-99, 2022-100 and 2022-101; and Resolutions 2022-44, 2022-45, 2022-46, 2022-47 and 2022-48 by Title only, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Suspend the Rule Requiring the Reading on three (3) Separate Occasions for Ordinances 2022-88, 2022-89, 2022-90, 2022-91, 2022-92, 2022-93, 2022-94, 2022-95, 2022-96, 2022-97, 2022-98, 2022-99, 2022-100 and 2022-101, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-87 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2.12.04 FIXING THE SALARY FOR CITY COUNCIL.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to set the salary of the City Council. He asked Council to consider raising the salary from \$250.00 per regular meeting to \$400.00 per meeting and \$100.00 per special meeting to \$150.00 per meeting. He provided the Salary Study for Council. Darren Warren recommended that Council be paid monthly.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, and for Council to be paid monthly, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor, except Darren Warren, who voted NO, and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-89 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2.14.03, TITLED COMPENSATION.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to set the salary of the Mayor. He stated that his salary is currently \$92,152.32, and he is not asking for an increase. He provided the Salary Study for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-90 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2.16.03 FIXING THE SALARY FOR THE CITY CLERK.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to set the salary of the City Clerk. He stated that his salary is currently \$17,060.16, and he is not asking for an increase. He provided the Salary Study for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-91 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 13.04.05 TITLED “COMPENSATION”, FIXING THE SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to set the salary of the Members of the Planning Commission. He asked Council to consider raising the salary from \$150.00 per regular meeting to \$200.00 per meeting and for the Chairman from \$200.00 per meeting to \$250.00 per meeting, with the Recorder to receive \$200.00 for attendance and \$150.00 for preparation of the Minutes.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-92 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to approve and adopt a budget for the City for 2023.

Financial Director Carl Rabey addressed the Council, stating that we are projecting Revenue for the General Fund of \$13,540,000.00, with Expenses of \$13,538,000.00. He said we are projecting a Revenue of \$2,665,000.00 for the Street Fund, with Expenses of \$2,657,000.00. He detailed the projected budget for each remaining Departments and Funds, as provided in the Council Packets.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Amy Rochette made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-93 - AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CENTERTON CITY LIMITS, BELONGING TO KAREN J ROBBINS REVOCABLE TRUST FROM AGRICULTURE (A-1) TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY MULTI FAMILY (R3-MF).**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to rezone property on Kimmel Road from (A-1) to Medium-High Density Multi Family (R3-MF). He detailed the results of the Planning Commission Meeting on 11/15/2022, where it was approved 9-0. He said there were two (2) public comments. A map of the property was provided for Council.

The applicant addressed the Council, detailing their proposed development. He said a PUD was also approved at the Planning Meeting. He said a Traffic Study is being required prior to any development phase.

Donna Wonsower addressed the Council, stating that Rental vs. Ownership cannot legally be considered.

Planning Director Lorene Burns clarified the Multi-Family zoning request. She also detailed other development coming up in this area.

**Crystal Penner- 1501 Anniston Street** - Addressed the Council, expressing concern with traffic on Kimmel Road.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Darren Warren made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. There was a roll call. Misty Elam, Darren Warren, Josie Reed and Keith Higginbotham voted YES, Justin Cowgur and Amy Rochette voted NO, and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-94 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF THE BLISS STREET TWIN HOMES, CREATING LOTS 1-46 AND TRACTS A-C, CITY OF CENTERTON, S32-T21N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Bliss Street Twin Homes Subdivision on Bliss Street. He detailed the results of the Planning Commission Meeting on 12/06/2022, where it was recommended for approval by the City Council. He said bonds were received this morning. A map of the property was provided for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. There was a roll call. Misty Elam, Darren Warren, Josie Reed and Keith Higginbotham voted YES, Justin Cowgur and Amy Rochette voted NO, and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-95 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SILVER LEAF PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION, CREATING RESIDENTIAL LOTS 1-128 AND TRACT A, CITY OF CENTERTON, S6-T19N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Silver Leaf Subdivision Phase 1, at Bush Road and Wade Road. He detailed the results of the Planning Commission Meeting on 12/06/2022, where it was recommended for approval by the City Council. A map of the property was provided for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-96 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14, AMENDING SECTION 14.04.14 SCHEDULE OF USES TO ADD “FLEX SPACE” AND CHANGE “MOBILE FOOD VENDOR/FOOD TRUCK” TO “MOBILE VENDOR”; AND ADDING SECTION 14.04.15 FLEXIBLE USE SPACE.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that Staff is asking that this Ordinance be tabled this evening. He stated that Donna Wonsower has provided more information for Council to review.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**Josie Reed made a motion to Table the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-97 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 10.12.06, TITLED CHANGE IN RATES FOR WATER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he initiated this Ordinance, because currently any increases in Water and/or Sewer rates, the Water & Sewer Commission sets and approves the Water rate and City Council has to approve the Sewer rate. He said this would allow Council to approve both. He said the Water & Sewer Commission has stated that there is a State Law that would supersede this Ordinance, so he would like to table this Ordinance at this time, to allow for more research.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**Justin Cowgur made a motion to Table the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-98 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SHIRLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, CREATING RESIDENTIAL LOTS 1-32 AND TRACT A, CITY OF CENTERTON, S6-T19N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Shirley Estates Subdivision, on Edgewood Road. He detailed the results of the Planning Commission Meeting on 12/06/2022, where it was recommended for approval by the City Council. A map of the property was provided for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-99 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 9 - STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Engineer Alan Craighead addressed the Council, detailing his proposed changes for Title 9. The proposed code was provided for Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Amy Rochette made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Emergency Clause. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-100 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 16 – “DRAINAGE REGULATIONS” TO CORRESPOND WITH UPDATES MADE BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION CODES AND TO BETTER PROTECT THE CITIZENS AND LAND; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

City Engineer Alan Craighead addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to update our Drainage Regulation codes to match the codes of the State of Arkansas, and to add more floodway protection. He detailed some of those proposed changes. The proposed code was provided to Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Keith Higginbotham. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Emergency Clause. Amy Rochette made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Justin Cowgur. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Ordinance 2022-101 - AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING SECTION 10.08.09 OF THE CENTERTON MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH SETS THE COMPENSATION FOR THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER COMMISSION.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to set the compensation for the Water & Sewer Commission. He said they currently make \$75.00 per meeting, and asked Council for permission to raise it to \$200.00 per meeting. He said it will come out of their budget.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(8) Resolutions –**

- **Resolution 2022-44 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS, AND THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS, REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.**

Mayor Bill Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to amending the Animal Control Services Agreement with the City of Bentonville, extending the current agreement until they open their shelter. He said they currently pay \$7700.00 per month. He said Bentonville plans to have their shelter open by the end of February 2023. A copy of the amended agreement was provided to Council.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Resolution, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Resolution 2022-45 - A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BANK ACCOUNTS AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NWA, FOR THE CREATION OF AN A AND P COMMISSION CHECKING TAX ACCOUNT; TO DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM VARIOUS ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON WITH REGARD TO SAID ACCOUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to allow the city to establish accounts at First National Bank of NWA for A&P members to be able to make their payments by credit card. Financial Director Carl Rabey detailed the process for Council.

Justin Cowgur asked if there would be a transaction fee. Rabey said he was unaware.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Resolution by title only. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the Resolution, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Darren Warren. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**



- **Resolution 2022-46 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH POINT AND PAY, OLDSMAR, FLORIDA FOR PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to allow the city to enter into an agreement for a payment system, to be able to accept payments through the SmartGov software in the Planning Department.

Planning Director Lorene Burns detailed the process and fees. She said it will take approximately three (3) months to implement. There was a brief discussion.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**City Attorney Brian Rabal read the Resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Resolution, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor, except for Amy Rochette, who voted NO, and the motion carried.**

- **Resolution 2022-47 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE “CENTERTON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE MANUAL – 2009, CURRENT ADDITION” OF THE CITY OF CENTERTON, ARKANSAS.**

City Engineer Alan Craighead addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to amend the city’s Drainage Manual. He said he understands that there is a concern from one of the local engineers, regarding storm sewer design. He detailed the concern. He said he is fine to table the item to allow additional time for review.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Table the Resolution, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

- **Resolution 2022-48 - A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE, RATIFY AND APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION.**

Mayor Bill Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to approve the settlement with Rausch Coleman Homes NWA, LLC. He said the Arkansas Municipal League asked for the Resolution to be tabled this evening, to allow for them to be present.

Mayor Edwards asked the Council if there were any other questions. There were none.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Table the Resolution, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Josie Reed. There was a roll call. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(9) Discuss American Rescue Funds Distribution -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that Council asked him to bring back the American Rescue Funds discussion at the December Council meeting. He presented Council with requests and amounts discussed previously.

There was Council discussion regarding the unexpected need for funds to support ambulance service for Centerton. Council agreed to use these American Rescue Funds for ambulance service. Mayor Edwards said he would notify the non-profits and the public of the Council's decision.

Mayor Edwards asked if there were any other questions from Council. There were none.

**Amy Rochette made a motion to Approve the Use of \$359,600.00 in American Rescue Funds for Ambulance Service for the City, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(10) Approve Position Change for Animal Control Department -**

Mayor Bill Edwards addressed the Council, requesting to create the position of Animal Control Supervisor, and remove the position of Animal Control Director. He said the Police Department is now in charge of the Animal Shelter and a job description for the Supervisor has been created, reviewed and approved. He said the position will be posted both internally and externally.

Police Captain Chris Kelley detailed the Euthanization requirements and process he is working on for the Policy and Procedure Manual for Council.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to approve the Animal Control Supervisor Position as presented, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Justin Cowgur. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(11) Approve Moving Permit, 280 Fair Street, Lot #1 -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that the applicant requesting a Moving Permit for 280 Fair Street, Lot #1. He said it has gone through the process with the Planning Commission, and it was recommended for approval by the City Council.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Approve the Moving Permit for 280 Fair Street, Lot #1, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(12) Acknowledge Receipt of the Water and Sewer Commission 2023 Budget -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking them to acknowledge receipt of the Water & Sewer Commission Budget for 2023.

Commissioner Robert Anderson addressed Council, giving an overview of the 2023 Budget. He also detailed the likely need for future rate increases for both Water and Sewer.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the Water and Sewer Commission 2023 Budget, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Justin Cowgur. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(13) Discuss Highway 279 Letter to ARDOT and Main Street Discussion -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he is sending a letter to ARDOT asking for improvements to Hwy 279 South. He detailed the letter and stated that it was signed by himself, the Mayors of both Bentonville and Highfill, the CEO of the XNA National Airport and the Superintendent of the Bentonville School District. A copy of the letter was provided for Council.

Mayor Edwards stated that he spoke with ARDOT regarding the City of Centerton taking over Hwy 102 Spur (North Main Street), as inquired about by Council Member Amy Rochette. He said ARDOT was open to those discussions, as well as being open to discussions to negotiate making repairs and adding sidewalks, etc.

**Council supported the Mayor continuing to communicate with ARDOT.**

**(14) Rausch Coleman Planned Unit Development Approval -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this has already been discussed, that we settled litigation and that Rausch Coleman Homes agreed to develop the property as an R-3 SF Planned Use Development.

**No Action was taken by Council.**

**(15) Grant Update -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he had applied for a Carbon Grant for the McKissic Creek Trail, and we were approved for \$500,000.00. He said we will now work with the Walmart Family Foundation to hopefully provide additional funding.

Police Captain Chris Kelley stated that the Police Department applied for and received a \$100,000.00 grant for equipment, in-car cameras and expiring vests, etc.

Mayor Edwards asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none.

**No Action was taken by Council.**

**(16) Acknowledge Receipt of the 2021 Legislative Audit -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking them to acknowledge receipt of the Legislative Audit for 2021.

Financial Director Carl Rabey stated that we received the Audit and have responded to the Legislative Audit Committee. He said we reconcile every bank account each day now. He said we have been using a PO System for seven (7) months and thinks we can tweak things to make it better. He said he would like to find a way to make all of our city's software compatible. He said that could require the purchase of new Accounting software. He said his goals for next year are to address software and update policies, procedures and Job Descriptions.

**Misty Elam made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the 2021 Legislative Audit, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Justin Cowgur. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(17) Re-Appoint Josie Reed and Amber Gustafson to A and P Commission to Term Expiring 12/31/2026 and Darren Warren to Term Expiring 12/31/24 -**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking for them to re-appoint Josie Reed and Amber Gustafson to A and P Commission to term expiring 12/31/2026 and Darren Warren to term expiring 12/31/24.

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Re-Appoint Josie Reed and Amber Gustafson to A and P Commission to Term Expiring 12/31/2026 and Darren Warren to Term Expiring 12/31/24, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Amy Rochette. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.**

**(18) Animal Shelter Update -**

Police Captain Chris Kelley addressed the Council, giving an update on the Animal Shelter, including recommended remodel work (including diagrams), food recommendations and stock quantity update, adoptions, need for a commercial washer and dryer, kennel wash bay, drainage solution, adding a Clerk position, public hours of operation, adding insulation, fans and ventilation, dog beds, software (trials), volunteer worker liability waivers, cleaning chemicals, vaccines through a veterinarian, deceased animal intake forms, Policy and Procedures update, euthanasia drugs, etc.

He stated that the investigation of the recent incident at the Animal Shelter has been completed and turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney. He also stated that there is no conflict of interest with the Centerton Police Department conducting the investigation.

**No Action was taken by Council.**

**(19) Public Comments –**

**Lisa McCoy – 1261 Clydesdale Drive** – She stated that she was welcomed into the Animal Shelter and found a dog she would have adopted. She stated that allowing public into the shelter would create opportunities for adoption.

**Jason McCoy – 1261 Clydesdale Drive** – He questioned the amount of approved salaries for Council and Clerk being too low.

**Diana Allen – 201 Blake Drive** – She asked if Benton County has contracted Ambulance Service. She asked if there was access at the Animal Shelter from the kennels to the outside yards. Jeremy Rhodes detailed the shelter layout, regarding the kennels. Allen asked about feeding, watering and socializing schedules at the shelter. Rhodes addressed her questions.

**Donna Wonsower – Fayetteville** – She read a letter to Council expressing negative interactions with certain Centerton City Council Members. She recommended a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials and that Roberts Rules of Order be followed in Council Meetings, regarding respect for speakers and outbursts to and from the public.

**(20) Other Business –**

- **A&P Update** – Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, giving an update on the A&P Commission meetings, payments and a webpage with Local Business Listings.

**(21) Announcements -**

- **1/03/2023 – Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 PM**
- **1/10/2023 – City Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM**
- **1/17/2023 - Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 PM**
- **1/24/2023 – Work Session for Council and Planning @ 6:00PM**

**(22) Adjourn -**

**Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Adjourn at 9:00 PM 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