



**CITY OF CENTERTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019**

- (1) **Pledge** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- (2) **Prayer** - The prayer was offered by Todd Wright.
- (3) **Roll Call** - Those Present and answering Roll Call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Keith Higginbotham, Wayne Low, Darren Warren, Robin Reed and Misty Elam. Josie Reed was absent. Those present and not answering Role Call were City Clerk Todd Wright, City Attorney Brian Rabal, Financial Director Pam Grant, Planning Director Lorene Burns, Police Chief Cody Harper, Fire Chief Matt Thompson, Animal Control Supervisor Terry Sanchez, Director of Public Works Rick Hudson and Chief Building Inspector Robert Coffelt. Centerton Utilities Director Frank Holzkamper was absent.

(4) **Council Minutes** –

Wayne Low made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 10th, 2019 City Council Meeting, with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation and Water & Sewer Minutes –

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to Acknowledge Receipt of the Minutes of the September 3rd, 2019 and September 17th, 2019 Planning Commission Meetings, September 9th, 2019 Parks & Recreation Meeting, and August 21st, 2019 CWSD Meeting, with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (5) **City and Court Financials**- Mayor Edwards stated that 75% through the year we have received 86.54% of our Budgeted Revenue. He stated that our

Expenditures were at 84.08%. Mayor Edwards detailed some of the September revenue and expenditures for the Council:

Robin Reed made a motion to Accept the September, 2019 City and Court Financials, with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(6) Department Reports-

The Department Reports were in the Council Packets.

Mayor Edwards gave an update on the recent rains and flooding. He asked if there were any questions about the Department Reports. There were none.

(7) Ordinances -

- **Ordinance 2019-29- AN ORDINANCE WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF STRYKER LIFEPAK 15 MONITOR AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE CENTERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to waive the bidding requirements to purchase a Stryker LifePak 15 and accessories for the Centerton Fire Department, in the amount of \$37,074.68. He said the equipment we currently have is soon becoming obsolete. He said we will be trading in the current LifePak 12, purchased in 2006 and will need to remove it from the Capital Asset List at that time. There was discussion.

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

Robin Reed made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2nd from Darren Warren. 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 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. 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 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2019-30- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF ORCHARD PARK PH 2 SUBDIVISION, CREATING LOTS 34-57 AND REMAINING TRACT “B”, BEING IN THE CENTERTON PLANNING AREA, S16-T20N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat for Orchard Park Phase 2, which was recommended for City Council for Approval by the Planning Commission at their 10/1/19 meeting.

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

Wayne Low made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Robin Reed made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2019-31- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF ORCHARD PARK PH 3 SUBDIVISION, CREATING LOTS 58-85 AND REMAINING TRACT “C”, BEING IN THE CENTERTON PLANNING AREA, S16-T20N-R31W, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept the Final Plat for Orchard Park Phase 3, which was recommended for City Council for Approval by the Planning Commission at their 10/1/19 meeting.

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

Wayne Low made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2019-32- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PUBLIC DEDICATIONS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG ALLEN ROAD AND EASEMENTS BY LAKE VIEW PLAZA LLC, PER TRACT SPLIT PLAT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NW CORNER OF EAST CENTERTON BOULEVARD AND ALLEN ROAD IN S33-T20N-R31W, CITY OF CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Ordinance is to accept Right-of-Way and Easements along Centerton Boulevard and Allen Road and has already gone through the Planning Commission.

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

Wayne Low made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Ordinance by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance on 3 separate occasions with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(8) Resolutions -

- **Resolution 2019-18- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATE OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF CENTERTON FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2020.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this Resolution is to authorize the rate of Property Tax for the County to collect on behalf of the City. He said there are no changes to the current rates.

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

Robin Reed made a motion to read the Resolution by title only with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All Council Members voted in favor, and the motion carried. Brian Rabal read the Resolution by title only. Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the Resolution with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(9) Appoint Matt Thompson as Centerton Fire Chief –

Mayor Edwards appointed Matt Thompson as Chief of the Centerton Fire Department. The Chief's Pin was placed on Thompson by his wife.

(10) Discuss Purchase of Vehicles for the Centerton Police Department -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that he was approached by Police Chief Cody Harper with a plan for replacing five (5) aging Police Vehicles between now and December of 2020. A list of all of the Police Vehicles with current mileage was presented to the Council, and Police Chief Cody Harper detailed the existing maintenance issues with some of the vehicles in question. Mayor Edwards said he has had Financial Director Pam Grant look at the budget, and is asking for the replacement of one vehicle (2013 Chevrolet Tahoe- VIN# 1GNLC2E07DR272109) with a 2020 Dodge Charger, at last year's State Bid price (\$24,707.00) plus about \$7500.00 worth of equipment, at this time. Edwards said that our Vehicle Replacement Plan is to buy one vehicle now, replace two vehicles in next year's budget, and also next year replace two other vehicles, using proceeds from the ACT988 Fund. He said if the Council approves the purchase of one vehicle tonight, we would like to place the 2014 Chevrolet Charger (VIN#1GNLC2E07ER195064) into the Part-Time Officer Fleet, and place the 2013 Tahoe for sale on GovDeals. There was discussion about concern with vehicle use, wear and replacement, led by Council Member Robin Reed.

Robin Reed made a motion to Approve the Surplus of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe (#1GNLC2E07DR272109) and the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Charger for the 2019 State Bid Price plus Accessories, with a 2nd from Darren Warren. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(11) Discuss Budget Work Session for November 14 at 6:00 PM -

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, asking if everyone is available for a City Budget Work Session on November 14th at 6:00 pm. All Council Members said they were available.

(12) Other Business-

- **Ambulance Service Update-** Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, updating them on the ongoing discussions about ambulance service. He asked the Council for their approval to put this out for RFQ's. He said we are currently under contract with the City of Bentonville, and we have been in discussions with them. He had Fire Chief Matt Thompson address

the Council about possible options for housing an ambulance service at Station #2, or using both Stations #1 and #2. There was discussion.

Wayne Low made a motion to put the Ambulance Service out for RFQ's, with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Open Positions-** Councilman Wayne Low asked about open positions in the City. Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that we have 5 open positions in the City: Police (2), Fire (2) and Court (1). There was discussion about whether there was actually enough workload to require a need for another position in Court. Robin Reed asked if we could look at surrounding cities for court case workload and staffing. Financial Director Pam Grant said we could have HR help with that.

Robin Reed made a motion to allow the Mayor and HR Coordinator to research surrounding communities for court case workload and staffing, with a 2nd from Wayne Low. All Council Members voted in favor and the motion carried.

(13) Announcements -

- **Coffee with the Mayor 10/19/19 9:00 AM**

(14) Adjourn -

Misty Elam made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 PM with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All Council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk