



**CITY OF CENTERTON
SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 24, 2018**

The Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Bill Edwards at 6:00 p.m. Those Present and answering roll call were Mayor Bill Edwards, Misty Elam, Keith Higginbotham, Robin Reed, Josie Reed, Wayne Low and Darren Warren. Those present and not answering role call were City Clerk Todd Wright, Attorney Tina Adcock-Thomas, Financial Director Pam Grant, Fire Chief Delton Bush and Planning Coordinator Larry Wilms.

(1) Ordinances-

- **Ordinance 2018-19- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF BRIAR ROSE, LOTS 1-102 & LOTS A, B, C, D, CITY OF CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this ordinance is to accept the Final Plat of the Briar Rose Subdivision. He said it was approved by the Planning Commission on 5/22/18, with a couple of contingencies. Edwards said the Plat will not be recorded until those items are completed.

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. Tina Adcock-Thomas 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 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 Josie Reed. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2018-27- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING VARIOUS UTILITY EASEMENTS DEDICATION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF E. CENTERTON BLVD BY CAN-ARK DIAMOND REALTY- GREENHOUSE, LLC, PER EASMENT DEDICATION PLAT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN PART OF THE NW ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF S02-T19N-R31W, CITY OF CENTERTON, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Edwards addressed the Council, stating that this ordinance is to accept easement dedications on the south side of E. Centerton Blvd., where the new apartments are, by Taco Bell. He said this was approved by the Planning Commission on 4/22/18.

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

Darren Warren 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. Tiffany Adcock-Thomas 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 Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried. Josie Reed made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a 2nd from Keith Higginbotham. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

- (2) **Other Business-** Mayor Edwards addressed the City Council, stating that he has no new information in regard to the 2 police officers that were terminated. He stated that the State Police were requested by the County Prosecutor, but they have not accepted to investigate at this time. Edwards stated that he was concerned with the morale of the City Employees, due to the termination of our Court Clerk by the Judge and the termination of the Police Chief and Captain. He said that both of the officers plan to appeal their terminations. Edwards said he spoke with City Attorney Brian Rabal and they thought it might be best to rewind and back up. Edwards made a request to the Council, that until this is investigation is completed by the State Police, the 2 officers be reinstated, but be placed immediately on Administrative Leave. He said he will keep the Council informed of the investigation, and as soon as it is completed, he would like to call a Special Council Meeting to get together, find out what we really have, and get some closure. Robin Reed asked that it be stated on the record that the city Council does not hire and/or fire City Employees or Department Heads, but that it is handled by the Mayor. Darren Warren stated that he was going to need more information to be able to make a decision, should there be appeals. He stated that he would support their reinstatement. Mayor Edwards stated that he did not know how long the State Police investigation will take. Edwards stated that we will certainly be looking at some policy changes.

Darren Warren made a motion to reinstate Cody Harper as Chief of Police and Kris Arthur as Captain, placing both on immediate paid Administrative Leave, with a 2nd from Robin Reed. All Council members voted in favor, except for Misty Elam, who abstained, and the motion carried.

Keith Higginbotham stated that he would like to offer a vote of confidence, from himself and the rest of the Council, in the Centerton Police Department.

Keith Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. with a 2nd from Misty Elam. All council members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bill Edwards, Mayor

Todd Wright, City Clerk