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Qualifying Ends for Mayor, Chief, Council

Central Elections Nov. 6

— Mayor • City of Central —



Mayoral candidate David Barrow



Central Mayor Jr. Shelton and wife Rita



Mayoral candidate Marc Michelli and son Brennan

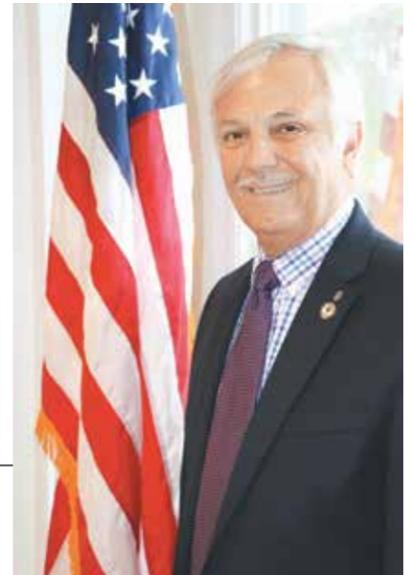
— Councilman at Large (Vote for Two) —



Council at-Large candidate Kim Powers with Ella and Sara



Council at-Large candidate Ryan Meador qualifying at Clerk's office



Councilman Wayne Messina

— Central Police Chief —



Central Police Chief James Salsbury



Police chief candidate Roger Corcoran

CENTRAL - Candidates qualified last week to run in the City of Central's municipal elections Nov. 6. As a courtesy to Central candidates, East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court Doug Welborn and his staff set up shop at Central City Hall last Wednesday to assist candidates and receive qualifying papers.

By the close of qualifying on Friday, 21 candidates had filed papers to run in Central this fall. Three candidates are running for Mayor, two for Police Chief, and 16 are running for seven seats on the Central City Council.

Candidates for Mayor are the incumbent, Jr. Shelton, who is completing his first term as Mayor. Shelton, a long-time business owner, led Central through the Great Flood of 2016 and its aftermath.

He is being challenged by David Barrow and Marc Michelli.

Barrow served as the city's chief administrative officer under Mayor Mac Watts and briefly under Mayor Jr. Shelton. Barrow was terminated by Shelton in August 2015. In April 2017, an arrest warrant was issued for Barrow by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office in connection with an apparently forged signature of former Mayor Mac Watts on a contract with a local developer. Barrow turned himself in and denied any wrongdoing. Barrow has not been charged in connection with that matter but District Attorney Hillar Moore said today that the Assistant District Attorney who has been assigned the case will meet soon with investigators to consider

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Candidates, Districts for Central City Council

City of Central November 6, 2018

On Nov. 6, 2018, Central voters will go to the polls to elect a new seven-member City Council composed of two members elected at large and five elected from five single-member Council districts. Voters will also elect a new Mayor and Police Chief. If necessary, a runoff will be held on Dec. 8. Early voting will be Oct. 23-30.

Council District 5



Charles Hinton Jeffrey Meyers Briton Myer

Council District 3



Kim Fralick Dave Freneaux

Council District 4



Shane Evans D'Ann Wells

Council District 1



Charlie Habig Aaron Moak

Council District 2



Joshua Roy John Vance

Citywide - Council at Large (Vote for Two)



Wade Evans Aaron McKinney Ryan Meador Wayne Messina Kim Powers



New Council Has Two At-Large, Five District Seats

16 Run for City Council

Continued from Page 1

the matter.

The third candidate for Mayor, Marc Michelli, is a network engineer for large cable and internet companies. He designs, builds, and maintains wireless networks for those companies.

If no candidate for Mayor wins a majority on Nov. 6, a runoff between the top two candidates will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Police Chief James Salsbury is being challenged by former Sheriff's deputy Roger Corcoran.

The current Central City Council consists of five members, all elected at large citywide. They are Jason Ellis, Shane Evans, Dr. Kim Fralick, Wayne Messina, and John Vance. Dr. Fralick serves as Mayor Pro-tem.

However, last year, the City Council adopted a reapportionment plan that established a new seven-member City Council effective January 1. The new Council will have two members elected at large and five members elected from five single-member districts.

Only four of the five incumbents are running again this fall, which means there will be at least three new members of the Council.

The five candidates running for the two Council at Large seats are:

- Wade Evans
- Aaron McKinney
- Ryan Meador
- Incumbent Councilman Wayne Messina



FORMER COUNCILMAN Aaron Moak who served on the City Council from 2006 to 2014 is running from District 1. Fred Sliman of the Clerk's office helped with papers.

• Kim Powers
All are Republicans.
Voters throughout the City of Central will get to vote on the at-large candidates with each voter having two votes.

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Nov. 6 primary, he will be elected. In that case, the candidates who ran second and third will face off in the Dec. 8 runoff. If two or more candidates receive a majority of the votes cast in the primary, the top two candidates will be elected. If no one receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary, the top four candidates will face each other in the runoff. In the runoff, the

top two candidates will be elected.

The candidates are:
District 1 - Charlie Habig and former Councilman Aaron Moak
District 2 - Joshua Roy and incumbent Councilman John Vance
District 3 - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Kim Fralick and Dave Freneau
District 4 - Incumbent Shane Evans and Despo "D'Ann" Wells
District 5 - Charles Lee Hinton, Jeffrey Meyers, and Briton Myer
All are Republicans except Charlie Habig.

The candidates will all have to comply with strict reporting requirements by the state campaign finance office and less stringent person financial disclosures.

Sample Ballot

Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Early Voting Oct. 23-30

Mayor

David Barrow	R
Marcus Michelli	R
Jr. Shelton	R

Police Chief

Roger Corcoran	R
James Salsbury	R

City Council at Large Vote for Two

Wade Evans	R
Aaron K. McKinney	R
Ryan Meador	R
Wayne Messina	R
Kim Powers	R

City Council District 1

Charlie Habig	D
Aaron Moak	R

City Council District 2

Joshua Roy	R
John Vance	R

City Council District 3

Kim Fralick	R
Dave Freneau	R

City Council District 4

Shane Evans	R
Despo "D'Ann" Wells	R

City Council District 5

Charles Lee Hinton	R
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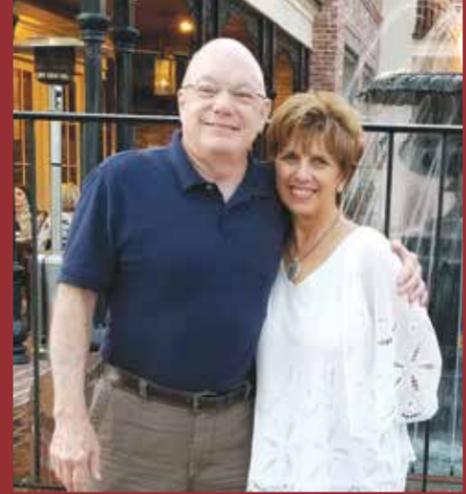
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Board member Ruby Foil



Board member Sharon Browning with husband Bobby



Board member Roxanne Atkinson with husband Earl



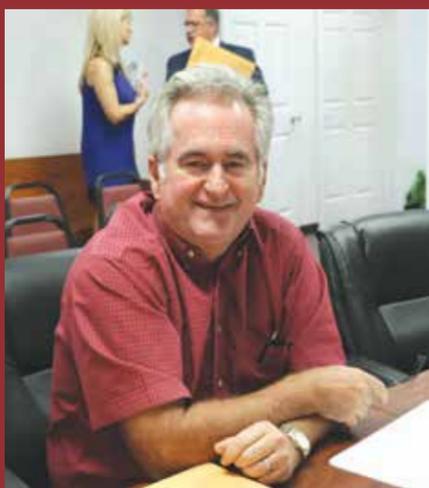
Board member Dr. David Walker and wife Jill



Board member Will Easley and wife Dot



Board member Dr. Jim Gardner and wife Maryanne



Welcome to New Board Member Dr. Keith Holmes

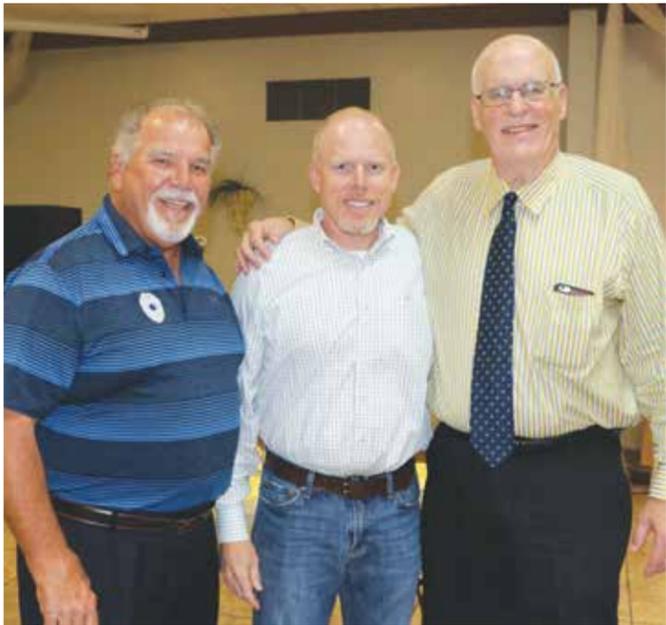
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Central Community School Board

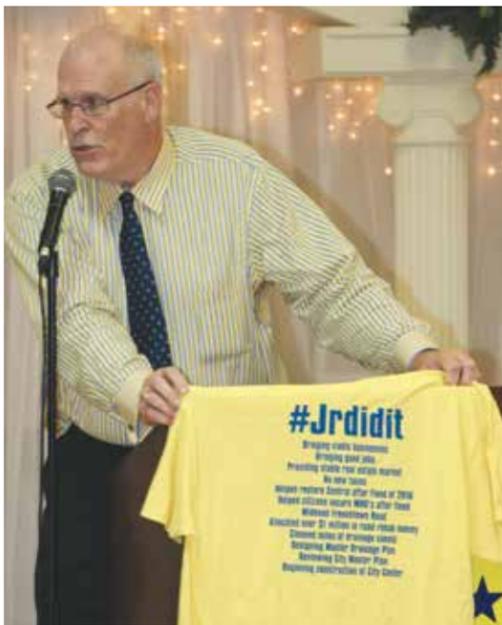
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'Jr. Did It!' Campaign Theme Lists Accomplishments

Mayor Shelton Kicks Off Campaign



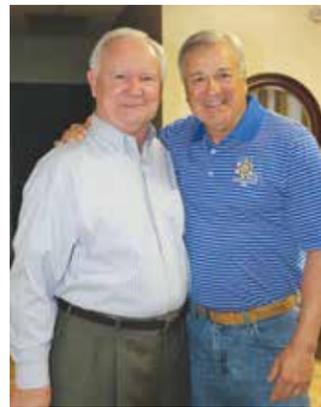
Gil Matherne, Brennan Easley, and Mayor Jr. Shelton



Mayor announces Jr. Did It! campaign.



Central native Clerk of Court Doug Welborn



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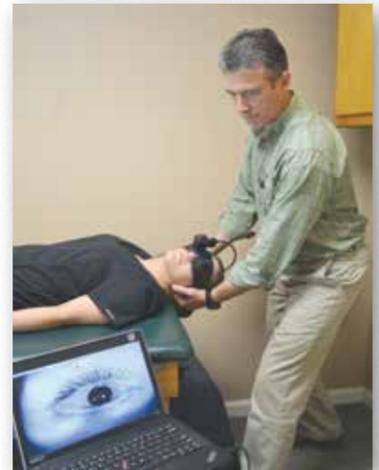


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Sept. 7	Dutchtown	Away
Sept. 14	Jesuit	Home
Sept. 21	Scotlandville	Home
Sept. 28	Belaire HOCO	Home
Oct. 5	Live Oak	Away
Oct. 12	Brusly	Home
Oct. 19	Zachary - Sr. Night	Home
Oct. 26	Denham Springs	Away
Nov. 2	Walker	Away

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2018 Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 3	Silliman- Scrimmage	Away
Aug. 10	Jamboree	TBA
Aug. 17	CHEF	Home
Aug. 24	Cathedral	Away
Aug. 31	Glenbrook	Home
Sept. 7	Porters Chapel	Home
Sept. 14	Centerville	Away
Sept. 21	ASC	Away
Sept 28	Bowling Green HOCO	Home
Oct. 12	Silliman - Sr. Night	Home
Oct. 19	ACCS	Away

Central Candidates Qualify for Nov. 6



Clerk of Court Doug Welborn and his crew paid a courtesy visit to Central to qualify candidates; Police Chief James Salsbury, Councilman John Vance, and Fred Sliman.



Candidates Sign Up to Run in Nov. 6 Election
Photos by Jolice Provost July 19, 2018

Clerk of Court Doug Welborn with Council candidate Charlie Habig, Councilman Shane Evans, and Council candidate Josh Roy



Police chief candidate Roger Corcoran; Wade Evans and Aaron McKinney, candidates for Council at Large; Council candidate Jeffrey Meyers, and Mayor Pro-tem Kim Fralick

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- Worked to Secure Funding of Comite Diversion Canal
- No New Taxes
- Designing Master Drainage Plan
- Reviewing City Master Plan
- Bringing Viable Businesses to Central
- Bringing Good Jobs to Central
- Providing a Stable Real Estate Market
- Widened Frenchtown Road
- Beginning Construction of City Center

Mayor Jr. Shelton

City of Central

Will Embark on New Areas of Service

Jim Lloyd Served 8 Years On Central School Board

Woody Jenkins
Editor

CENTRAL — Eight years ago, a group of concerned citizens approached Jim Lloyd, president of Cornerstone Commerical Flooring, and asked him to consider running for the Central Community School Board. Lloyd answered the call and with the help of his No. 1 booster, his wife Gail, he was elected handily!

For the past eight years, Jim Lloyd has been one of the most diligent board members. His wealth of business experience helped keep the school system on a solid financial footing, even after the Great Flood of August 2016.

He sacrificed a great deal to serve the people of Central and help give them a quality school system. He continued to serve, even when he became deathly ill at the same time the flood devastated his business.

Jim has recovered his health and his business is booming. However, he recently decided that it was time to move on to new challenges and reluctantly decided not to seek reelection.

The other members of the school board expressed their appreciation for Jim's service and several turned in statements to the *Central City News*.

Ruby Foil

It has been such a pleasure serving with Jim Lloyd. He has been an asset to us when we have had to make decisions about facilities and construction. He is very knowledgeable in many areas. He has a love and concern for all of our students and a passion for the arts. We will definitely miss him and his ability to state hard things in a very gentle way. I hope that he will still give us input at committee meetings. I wish Jim and his family the very best.

Will Easley

He doesn't talk just to hear himself



Board member Jim and Gail Lloyd

talk. He thinks before he speaks. He speaks with wisdom and people listen.

Dr. Jim Gardner

Jim Lloyd gave new dimensions to the board's discussions. His business experience and creative thinking were invaluable. Jim's commitment to doing what was best for our students was always evident in his thought processes.

Roxanne Atkinson

Jim has been a valued member of our School Board for many reasons. He and his wife Gail promoted and encouraged the arts in our system by making sure many of our students had opportunities to attend art events. He also has the ability to see all sides of a situation, thinking it through and then eloquently expressing his thoughts. He is a gentleman and one of the kindest people I have ever met. He has become a friend as well as a colleague. I respect him greatly!

On behalf of the *Central City News*, thank you, Jim Lloyd, for a job well done!

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CENTRAL'S FIRST CITY HALL — When Central officially came into existence on July 11, 2005, there was no public building appropriate to serve as City Hall. Mayor Mac Watts asked Central City News editor Woody Jenkins if the city could move in for awhile, and Jenkins readily agreed. In July and August 2005, City Hall was in the Central City News office, then at 12023 Sullivan Road. Jenkins' card table served as Watts' desk.

New City Hall Will Be a Worthy Symbol for City of Central

Why New City Hall Makes Sense

Councilman Ellis Clearly Explained The Need, Cost Of Building New Central City Hall

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

CENTRAL — If you are as old as I am, you probably remember Gov. Jimmy Davis' monstrosity — his million dollar mansion! Shortly after Davis was elected and began his second term in office in 1960, he proposed building a much-needed Governor's Mansion.

Most people agreed that it was needed but the unbelievable price tag of over \$1 million created a statewide controversy in the public and in the media. People said any legislator who voted for the million dollar mansion would be defeated at the next election. But Gov. Davis went forward. The legislature approved it, and it was built. By the time of the election, the controversy was all but forgotten because the beautiful Governor's Mansion was already built and occupied by the governor. No one was defeated, and the opponents of the mansion were too embarrassed to mention the topic again.

Since then, our governors have had a worthy place as their residence and they have opened the doors of the mansion to all of us. Every year, hundreds of public events are held there. Since the 1960's, many thousands of events. The Governor's Mansion is a show place for our state and a reminder that we are worthy of nice things and can be trusted with them.

Much the same things were said about the State Capitol when Huey Long spent \$3 million to build the Capitol during the depths of the Great Depression.

Can you imagine our city without that amazing Capitol building? The Capitol is one of the great symbols of our state. It is on postcards and travelogues and in history books. It is a powerful statement that Louisiana is an important place.

If you understand that, then you understand why Central's new City



Proposed Central City Hall approved Tuesday night at Central City Council meeting

New City Hall Is Same as 10,000-Square-Foot City Hall Proposed in 2009 With Addition of 7,000 Square Feet for a Tenant Paying Fair Market Value

“A City Hall that will serve the people of Central into the 2040's or 2050's is a bargain at \$5 million. The City of Central runs surpluses every year and has millions in the bank. Privatization and watching every penny have paid off! Having a beautiful facility owned by the public instead of paying rent is a no-brainer.”

Hall must be built — not delayed any longer and not cheapened into some kind of metal building worthy of South Choctaw. The reality is today Central has nothing. No public buildings, no outstanding parks or museums, no attractions of any kind. Finally, we have a wonderful School Complex, and that is the only thing we have.

As I listened to debate on the City Hall, it's almost as though I hear people saying, "Central is not worthy of anything so grand!"

Are you kidding? Central is doing very, very well. We have the No. 2 school system in the state. We are the third wealthiest city in the state. We are running surpluses at the rate of \$4 million a year and have a huge amount in the bank.

I hear a "broke" mentality speaking. But Central is not broke. You would think we are. Is anyone embarrassed that our City Hall still operates out of a rundown shopping center? At this point in our history — 13 years after incorporation — we have to have a vision for the future and present an image of success. If a big company is considering locating here and they visit our current City Hall, do you re-

ally think they will be impressed and want to invest here?

If we don't have enough vision to invest in our future, no one else will.

I hear some people talking about Central "bursting at the seams"! Are you serious? Central hasn't grown at all since incorporation in 2005! Our population is within 1,000 of where it was then.

Mayor Shelton often says that, as a city, "Either we are growing or we are dying!" Right now we are not growing, and if the no-growth-at-all mentality takes control, we will die.

Just look at our friends in Baker. Back in the 1990's, they were so worried about growing that they put a moratorium on growth. Guess what? They've never grown since! Unfortunately, the city is a basket case and going down.

Beware the pied pipers who say "We have to solve the drainage problems first!" Seriously? Central is a low lying place between two rivers that don't have levees. It has always flooded, and unless someone can repeal the law of gravity, flooding will always be a problem. Hundreds of millions of dollars are already in the pipeline to address the drainage prob-

lem, but there will always be a drainage problem. We could be here 100 years from now and some people would still be saying, "We have to solve the drainage problem before we build a new City Hall!"

That's ridiculous! We should be able to walk and crew gum at the same time. There are many problems that have to be addressed. No. I is drainage, but it IS being addressed!

The new City Hall will be a powerful symbol of the City of Central and its success! Today, Central has a great story to tell. One part of the story is the importance of good quality public schools that everyone attends. Another part of the story is the importance of law and order, an armed population ready to defend itself. Another part of the story is the success of privatization, which is what is giving us large surpluses and money in the bank.

City Hall will be a constant blessing to this city and all its citizens. It will be the center of the community. What is that worth? It will be the base of a town center. What is that worth? It will give us pride in our community. What is that worth?

Of course, you realize that when we take \$5 million in state and local funds and build a City Hall, we have a \$5 million asset, right? Our assets are not being destroyed. This is not like a giveaway where you have \$5 million and its gone. We will have a \$5 million building on the balance sheet. Instead of \$5 million sitting in the bank drawing a puny interest rate, that asset will sit at the corner of Hooper and Sullivan roads, a shining symbol that Central is a success and has a great future!

Vote on Conditional Use Permit Moves Project Forward

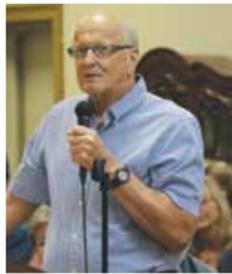
Council Approves City Hall 5-0



Central City Councilman Jason Ellis gave analysis of City Hall; Councilman Wayne Messina, and architect Josh Hoffpaur



Central City Councilmen listened to public testimony for and against the proposed City Hall.



Councilmen John Vance (left) and Shane Evans addressed objections; Ted McCulley, Alton Ray Ashford, and Erica Lee.

CENTRAL — The Central City Council Tuesday night unanimously approved issuing a Conditional Use permit for the proposed \$5 million Central City Hall, which will be located at the corner of Hooper and Sullivans roads. The permit opens the door for public bids to be solicited for the project by early fall.

The vote to issue the permit was 5-0 with Councilmen Jason Ellis, Shane Evans, Kim Fralick, Wayne Messina, and John Vance all voting yes. However, before the vote, the Council heard more than two hours of testimony, mostly from opponents.

Most opponents said they favored building a City Hall and many agreed with locating it at the corner of Hopper and Sullivans roads. However, they questioned the price tag of \$5 million.

The hearing opened with a report by Councilman Jason Ellis who traced the history of the project from its origins in 2009. His detailed report explained the various committees and public hearings that were held over the past nine years.

Ellis analyzed the cost of the project and the various savings he said could result over the life of the building, which could be 50 years or more. He explained that without the City Hall, there would be no town center.

In the final analysis, Council members said years of study made it clear building a new City Hall like the one proposed would be a boon for Central's future.

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Central School Board Unopposed

CENTRAL — In a most unusual move, voters returned all six incumbent school board members for another four years without opposition. A seventh member, Dr. Keith Holmes, was also elected without opposition. School board vice president Roxanne Atkinson thanked everyone on behalf of the board. "We are just so honored and humbled that people expressed their satisfaction in this way. On behalf of all of us, thank you so much!"



Newly-elected school board member Dr. Keith Holmes with incumbent members Ruby Foil and Roxanne Atkinson



Former school board president Sharon Browning with family member; board member Will Easley with Dot and Doug Welborn



Clerk of Court Doug Welborn; school board president Dr. David Walker and wife Leslie; Dr. Jim Gardner and wife Maryanne

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Only Woman Running for At-Large Council Seat Can Kim Powers Transition to Politics?



Central Mom Made Mark at Newspaper, Focuses on Drainage, Beautification Issues

CENTRAL - As Advertising Manager at the *Central City News*, Kim Powers could be expected to focus her activities on working with business owners in Central and selling traditional newspaper advertising.

However, she and *Central City News* Business Manager Jolice Provost have done far more than that — they are leading the nation in creating something heretofore unknown. They have created America's First Video Newspaper® and brought the old tried-and-true printed newspaper into the 21st Century!

It began during the funerals of the three police officers who were assassinated in July 2016. Facebook Live was brand new, and very few people understood it.

Powers, Provost, and *Central City News* editor Woody Jenkins were covering a funeral procession on Airline Highway. One of them decided to try broadcasting the event on Facebook Live. In just minutes, more than 5,000 people were watching live! The power of Facebook Live was obvious.

The three began to cover news events in Central live on Facebook, including the Great Flood of August 2016. By May 2017, they realized that Facebook Live could become a major revenue source for the newspaper by selling sponsorships.

KIM POWERS QUALIFIED to run for one of two At-Large seats on the Central City Council. Powers is advertising manager at the *Central City News* and an award-winning journalist who has won First Place awards from the Louisiana Press Association for her feature writing and photography. She is mother of Ella, 11, and Sara, 10, students at Central Intermediate School.



Council At-Large candidate Kim Powers

Powers and Provost went to Sulphur in May 2017 to broadcast the State 5A Championship baseball game between Central and West Monroe. They soon realized the game was one of the first times a high school game in Louisiana was broadcast live on Facebook. The audience was enormous — more than 94,000 viewers!

They were off and running! During the 2017 football season, they broadcast all Central High games drawing 15,000 to 35,000 viewers per game. They continued broadcasting through basketball and baseball seasons. This fall, their brand, *Side-line Football®*, will expand to other high schools in the Baton Rouge area.

Altogether, Powers and Provost have broadcast more than 100 community events in Central live on Facebook. One day, the duo was talking about QR codes. You can point your phone at a QR code in print and your phone plays a video!

Then Powers and Provost had a brainstorm! Kim Powers said, "We were creating all these great videos of community events, news, and sporting events in Central! Why not use QR codes in the *Central City News* to link our readers to the videos we are creating?"

She said, "We found that very often when we cover a news event, we take still photos and put them in the paper, and we put the videos on Facebook. But why not put the videos in the newspaper too?"

And that's how in late 2017 the *Central City News* became America's First Video Newspaper®! Many stories and some ads now include a QR code that turns the newspaper reader into a "newspaper viewer"!

The *Central City News* has a small

staff, and everyone does a little bit of everything. In addition to sales, Kim Powers loves to cover news. She covered the Great Flood, the Alton Sterling shooting, and demonstrations at Triple S convenience store and the Baton Rouge Police Headquarters. Often, she was in a small minority.

Kim Powers' photography and writing have been honored by the Louisiana Press Association with many awards including First Place in feature writing and photography.

Powers is the mother of three girls — Savannah, 21, Ella, 11, and Sara, 10. Ella and Sara are students at Central Intermediate School.

"We love our life in Central," Powers said, "especially the great schools, low crime, and friendly people!"

On Friday, July 20, Kim Powers filed qualification papers to run for one of the two At-Large seats on the Central City Council in the Nov. 6 election. She's the only woman in the race. "Vote for One Woman At-Large," her campaign literature says.

"Some people say it's silly to say vote for a woman, but I'll tell you why it's important. Many of the principles that are essential to being a good mother and running a successful household are the very same principles that are necessary to make government work. I plan to talk a lot about those principles during the campaign because they apply in Central!"

Powers describes herself as a strong conservative who is pro-life and pro-gun. "Yes, I'm probably packing!" she smiled. She believes in balanced budgets and is opposed to higher taxes in Central.

A registered Republican, Powers supported Donald Trump for President, attended Trump rallies, and hosted election parties for him.

Powers' No. 1 issue is drainage. "The water rose two feet in our yard but fortunately the house is elevated! Our only actual loss was the contents of our shed but it was filled with family heirlooms, personal mementos, photos, and records. Those will never be replaced. In Central, our most important issue is drainage, and that's where I will focus a great deal of time and attention. No. 2 for me will be beautification of Central. The men don't seem too interested in that, and I want to get the women of Central involved in turning eyesores into garden spots! You will see the difference!"

But can Kim Powers make the transition from journalism to politics? Powers laughed, "My dad was mayor of Slidell and served as Councilman at Large for 24 years! He was a great servant for the people and my role model! I've always been around politics! There's no transition to make for me!"

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CLERK OF COURT DOUG WELBORN explains politics to Kim Powers, candidate for an At-Large seat on the Central City Council, while daughters Ella and Sara take a selfie.

What Candidates Say About City Hall

CENTRAL - Central Mayor Jr. Shelton and the five members of the Central City Council have continued the work begun in 2009 to design, approve, and build a City Hall for Central. Because of public interest in the issue, the *Central City News* asked each of the 16 candidates running for the City Council to give us their opinion. The issue is expected to be resolved over the next few months. So it is unlikely that any of these candidates, except the incumbents, will get to vote on this issue.

Council at Large Vote for Two

Wade Evans

"I am for a city hall. It is necessary for a city to have an anchor for its future. I am not for the plan as drawn and think that we should continue our frugal approach as in the past. I think the council should consider cost saving measures to bring the overall price down such as interior trim features and not finishing out the second floor at this time."

Aaron McKinney

"As a financially conservative candidate I can not support the proposed city hall in its current form. With the initial cost estimates at close to \$5 million dollars, even supporters agree it must be value engineered. This says we are not ready. I am for consolidating all city functions under one roof to better serve the citizens of Central, but more cost-effective options must be evaluated. Same benefit, less capital outlay."

Ryan Meador

As I do see a need for a City Hall, I see no need for one with a \$5 million+ price tag. A price tag of around \$1 million and having availability to add on in the future suits the needs of our city much better at this point in time. The reasons I support having a town hall are that our City is currently paying close to \$80,000 a year in rent due to not having our own facility. It will also be beneficial for holding meetings without having to work with the schedules of other locations to ensure meetings can be held. It will also be able to open up the ability to host conferences in our City for events.

Wayne Messina

The proposed City Hall has been well planned out over a period of 11 years, by many citizens of Central. A lot of time and effort have gone into this process. This beautiful building will bring a source of Pride to Central, not just for today, but for many, many years to come. It will not have the name of one, but it will have the name of Central

Proposed Central City Hall

Candidates for City Council (District)

Yes - Wayne Messina (AL), Kim Powers (AL), John Vance (2), Dr. Kim Fralick (3), Shane Evans (4), Jeffrey Meyers (5)

No - Wade Evans (AL), Aaron McKinney (AL), Ryan Meador (AL), Aaron Moak (1), Joshua Roy (2), Dave Freneaux (3), Despo Wells (4), Briton Myer (5)

Undecided - Charlie Habig (1)

No Response - Charles Lee Hinton (5)

on it, which we will all take Civic Pride in.

Kim Powers

City Hall will be a beautiful symbol of this community. It will serve and inspire our children and grandchildren for 50 years or more. When you do something right, you don't have to look back. Is \$5 million a lot of money? Yes, but not for what we are getting, and we have the money to pay cash. Central had a \$4 million surplus this year alone and has \$40 million in the bank.

City Hall will be seen on TV in

almost every story about Central. It will brand our city and remind the world that Central is a very special place! Much research and planning have gone into creating this facility. It is a good plan, and I support it.

Council District 1

Charlie Habig

Mr. Habig did not issue a formal statement but said he does not have enough information to take a position. "If I were serving on the Council, I feel I would be able to make a solid decision, but based on

the information I have at this time, I cannot yet take a position on the issue."

Aaron Moak

At this time we should look for cost savings and seek secure funding from other sources. With the current proposed plan I feel we can do better knowing what our options are and exactly which services will be used at a city hall. We do need to build a city hall as has always been said and it does need to be built with our future generations in mind and the long term goal of the City of Central. We also need to finish the City center overlay district which will control the surrounding area on design of structures and aesthetics of the area. .

Council District 2

Joshua Roy

I don't support the City Hall as currently proposed. I have concerns with the lack of a zoning overlay district establishing architectural standards, inconsistencies in the site development data particularly concerning green/landscape area, and the size and grandeur of the proposed City Hall.

Notwithstanding, I do believe the construction of a small, modest City Hall in the future is essential to establishing a City

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Council Candidates on City Hall



PROPOSED CENTRAL CITY HALL - The Central City Council has a conditional use permit allowing public bidding to go forward on a proposed new Central City Hall.

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Center and cornerstone of economic development consistent with the Master Plan.
John Vance

City Hall will be a great asset for our city. The school system will benefit greatly from the overlay district and the increase in surrounding land value. This administration spent \$8.2 million on drainage and infrastructure last year. The Police department budget has steadily increased. We were able to add over \$4 million to our savings account. This city has the financial ability to multi task. A City Center has always been in the vision for our city.

Council District 3

Dr. Kim Fralick

Creating a City of Central downtown may be the single most effective economic development decision this city could make. Establishment of a city hall is the beginning of and will be the bedrock of a dream of our founders and the many involved citizens who attended all those early meetings and planning sessions. As a present council member and candidate for reelection, I fully support the project.

Dave Freneaux

I do not support building a \$5 million City Hall at this time. Central should complete the Drainage Master Plan and have a funded solution to upgrade drainage before considering building a city hall. The best solution would be to put a bond referendum on this November's ballot, letting the voters decide whether to build city hall, and conserving cash reserves for more pressing needs of this community such as drainage and road repair.

Council District 4

Shane Evans

Our city needs a city hall that our city center can be built around. My friends that do not live in Central don't know where our downtown or city center is. We don't have much of an identity. Yet. This is the opportunity to fulfill a vision for our future that will stand long after many of us are gone, and that future generations can be proud of.

Despo "D'Ann" Wells

While I agree with the location and building of a city hall, I oppose building the city hall as currently planned (\$5 million). The citizens of Central deserve to see a(n) MFP (Master Flood Plan) and infrastructure plan with estimated expenses before a city hall plan. Most importantly, I oppose moving forward with a controversial project so close to an election and believe in letting the citizens' votes determine the decision based on each candidate's position.

Council District 5

Charles Lee Hinton

Did not respond

Jeffrey Meyers

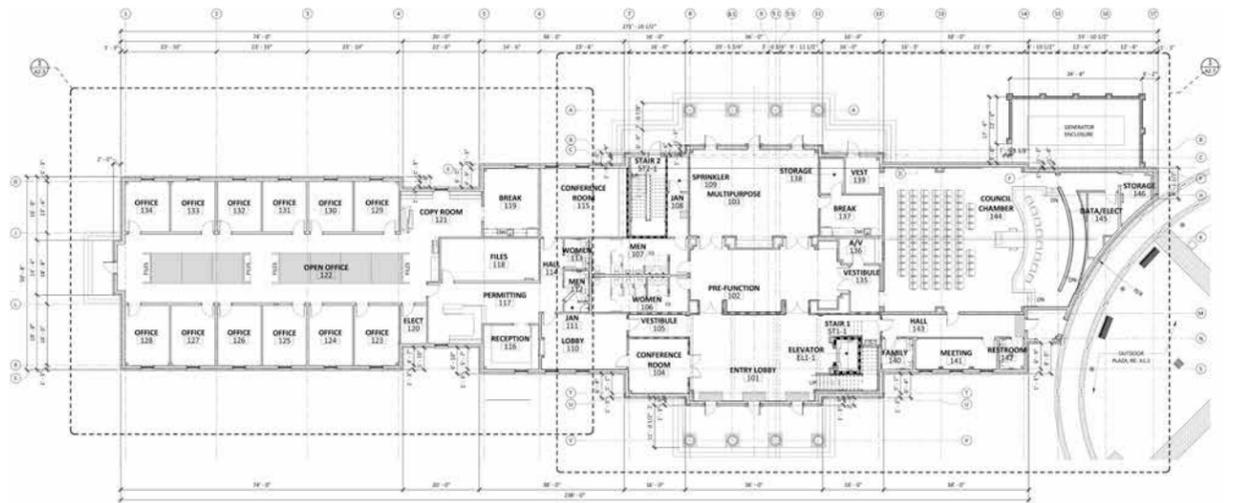
Prior to the July 24 City Council meeting, I did not support the new City Hall. However, Councilman Jason Ellis presented information describing a proposed vision of a Central City governmental complex projecting forward 50 years. Utilizing comparative cost analysis along with establishing architectural standards for that

future complex and the surrounding commercial zone, I can now support the construction of the proposed City Hall.

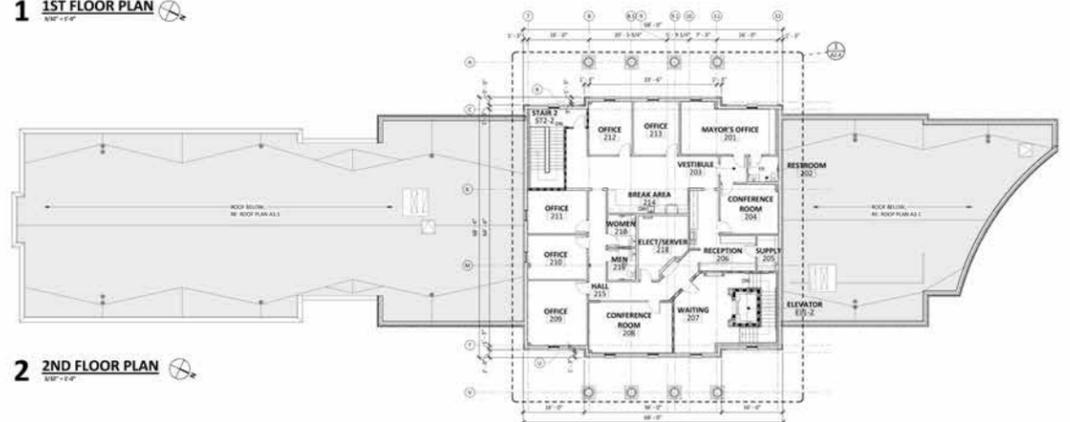
Briton Myer

While I support a City Hall and City Center, I strongly believe our City Council should focus on drainage first. After August of 2016 Central's

citizens deserve to see the long awaited Comprehensive Drainage Study; a plan to repair and improve drainage issues highlighted by the study; and a plan approved by the Council to fund those improvements using as much state and federal funding as possible, all before the construction of a City Hall.



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