

Regular Council Meeting

April 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem-Councilman Randall Wright at 7:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Ronald Rodgers

Welcome Extended to all (Houston County Commissioner Walker & prior Mayor Ronnie Brand) by Mayor Pro Tem Randall Wright

Present were Mayor Pro Tem-Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward D. Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Mayor John R. Harley absent- on vacation.

Public Comments

Police Chief Concerns: David Parker, 129 Ridgebend Drive: Mr. Parker reported that he had noticed one of the Tahoe's equipment and lettering had been removed. How much did this change cost the city? Was this necessary? Wasn't there a Crown Victoria available? Take home policy -30 mile radius, is this being monitored and by whom?

Councilman Evans thanked Mr. Parker for his comments. Councilman Evans stated that the beginning of March 2016 Chief Rodgers was hired as the Police Chief and he is responsible to run that department. Chief Rodgers may, at his discretion, drive whatever vehicle he wants to drive. The particular vehicle was de-striped costing \$150.00; minimal expense. It's Chief Rodgers responsibility to monitor the department and equipment and vehicles.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made by Councilman Armijo to adopt both sets of minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

- March 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- March 15, 2016 Council Work Session

Old Business

New Business

Proclamation-White Cane Month-J C Cofield: Mayor Pro Tem-Councilman Wright recognized Councilman Andrews. Councilman Andrews read proclamation and presented the document to Mr. J C Cofield, Centerville Lions Club.

Gunn Road Beautification Project Memorandum of Understanding: Director of Operations Brumfield provided a copy of MOU. Agreement between county and city; beautifying right-of-

way following completion of the Gunn Road widening project (North side of Gunn Road). The agreement contains language stating that the city will assume maintenance responsibility for the landscaping improvements once they are installed. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve agreement and authorizing Mayor Pro tem/Councilman Wright to sign document; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Point of Information-Police Department-Promotion Sgt Montford: Police Chief Rodgers stated that the first 90 days of his time as the new Chief, he established a plan-priority was to make contact and get to know each officer. Another aspect of his plan was to review the organizational chart and provide a better service for the citizens of Centerville. After discussing with Captain Hadden, it was determined that the Support Services Division needed attention- responsible for all aspects of the Criminal Investigations Unit, Professional Standards, and crimes against persons, children and property. Chief Rodgers stated based on years of experience with criminal investigation will be promoting Sgt. Michael Montford to Lieutenant.

Comments from Council

Councilman Andrews Post 1- Congratulated Lt. Montford, proud of him. Thanked Houston County Commissioner Walker stated he likes the MOU Agreement. Councilman Andrews stated when the storm came through this week, he became anxious, took cover. After the storm passed he and his son went to see damage on Sentry Oaks and spoke to residents that were visibly shaken. Later on that morning walked around with Mayor Harley to view damage. The Utilities and Fire Department got the job done. Proud of how quickly crew got the roadways clear. Appreciates the Utilities, Fire and Police Departments for handling their business “great job”.

Councilman Evans Post 3- thanked all citizens for coming out to meeting, had the opportunity to witness another great thing in our city, promotion of Lt. Montford. Thank you to all first responders in the city and Utilities Department. Director of Operations Brumfield was out of town on vacation last week when storm hit Centerville. Councilman Evans stated “Always like to say the mark of a good leader, is how their folks perform”. They are well trained.

Councilman Armijo Post 4- “Ditto” comments regarding efforts regarding the storm. Congratulated Lt. Montford. Also, mentioned the recent hostage situation, stating the Police Department did a super job; no one got hurt. We have a very strong city and sending out kudos for a good job. At the next work session will propose city town hall meetings. Will discuss thoughts about proposal and seeking feedback at the council work session- April 19 at 5pm. Would like to be able to get information out to citizens. This is an opportunity to meet council and encouraged citizens to come to the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem - Councilman Wright reminded everyone that Ga Cities Week will be going on April 18-22. The city will be holding events to participate in GMA’s Ga Cities Week Friday-April 22. Centerville Elementary and Eagle Spring Elementary 5th grades students will be visiting the municipal complex and touring the departments. Also on April 23 city wide cleanup will be held. Please place all items by the curb no later than 7am; there are some restrictions this year. There will be 4 roll offs at the recycle center for various items not being picked up by the trucks. Trucks will only run route one time. Tires limited -4 per household. Recycling Center will be serving hotdogs and hamburgers 8am-4pm, encouraged everyone to come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Randall Wright

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date