

Council Work Session

April 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley recognized former Mayor Ronnie Brand.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Elected and Appointed Officials Travel Policy Amendment: Councilman Andrews recognized language to be amended concerning lodging. Councilman Andrews made motion to approve amended policy as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Wright stressed the word “option”; don’t take for granted, only if deemed necessary. Mayor Harley called for the vote. Motion carried.

Approval / Purchase Utility Trailer: Director of Operations Brumfield provided (2) quotes. The current utility trailer is in need of replacement. Mr. Brumfield recommended approval of lower bid “Best Trailer and Supply” \$3,900.00; funds are available, but not budgeted. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Adoption Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement (GDOT): Councilman Armijo recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield stated this is a compliance requirement and the city is required to re-adopt the Agreement every 3 years to remain in compliance. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve and authorize Mayor Harley as signatory; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Update Economic Development: Director of Marketing/ Economic Development Hogan provided a list of upcoming park events. Mrs. Hogan provided a recap of the recent event “Every Day Heroes” and mentioned upcoming events in the park, food trucks, farmers market, having to turn vendors away. This Saturday, April 22 “Popcorn in the Park”; movie night “Secret Life of Pets”. Mrs. Hogan stated she is expecting approximately 200-500 people. Seeking volunteers to help for future events.

Point of Information for Promotion/ Award Ceremony: Chief Hadden thanked Mayor and Council for providing him the leeway to do what he needs to do in order to make the department better. Chief Hadden recognized Animal Control Officer Terry Wright. Officer Wright has been with the city for 25 years. Chief Hadden presented him with a plaque in honor of “Animal Control Officers Week”.

Chief Hadden recognized Officer Christopher Clowers, stating that he came from the City of Macon. He is a quick learner and has been filling the open Sergeant Position supervising a patrol shift, but without the official rank or pay. Chief Hadden congratulated Officer Clowers and promoted him to Sergeant. Thanked him for his hard work.

Chief Hadden stated that his two main moves were to hire a Sergeant and Captain for the Police Department. Chief Hadden recognized the following new hires. Sergeant James Sauls from City of Warner Robins. Sergeant Sauls also is a certified field training officer.

Captain William “Billy” Boney, 35 plus years in law enforcement. Captain Boney has wisdom that he brings to the department. Chief Hadden stated this is a “win-win” situation.

In closing, thanked the Mayor and Council again for allowing him to rebuild and make the department better.

Councilman Wright added there are good things happening in the Department.

Council Comments

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, appreciates what they do and very pleased what’s going on in the Police Department, keep up the good work.

Post 2 Councilman Wright echoed Post 1 remarks and congratulated Officer Terry Wright.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, echoed Post 1 and Post 2 comments. Congratulated everyone and welcomed new employees to the team. Councilman Evans reported that he had visited the Houston Galleria Mall on Saturday, 41NBC, healthy living expo; Fire Department and Police Department were representing the city in the community. A lot of things going on, this was a good event and represented us well, thank you.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, since the last meeting, attended the Teen Maze event. Councilman Armijo reported that this was the first time he had attended. He went and began looking around and saw the Mayor Harley. A really neat event, to teach 8th graders about good and bad choices. Mentioned the reenactment of car accidents and teen pregnancy. Also, attended the health expo at the mall, a great event to educate the public. In closing, congratulated everyone. Congratulations.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting 5:28pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date