

## Regular Council Meeting

August 1, 2017

Mayor Harley called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Invocation given by Centerville Community Church Pastor, Justin Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Hadden.

Chief Hadden stated that this morning he had the honor to speak at the Houston County Commissioner's meeting, representing Centerville Police Department - CPD. Spoke about his military service/history and how he became a police officer, always had a heart to serve, also a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation combat veteran. He knew he would be in the military, cousin convinced him to join marines. Wanted to play in the mud, blow things up, told recruiter in 1996 wanted to join. Went straight into infantry, Yankee White Program, to be eligible for program, having the top of the class, aptitude, physical fitness, ability and send you into this program, Camp David and navy strategic weapons facility. While there qualified for another program, sent to Virginia to become a sniper x 2 years. Stationed at Twentynine Palms California after serving in Virginia; after this tour did not reenlist. Moved back to Georgia and got married, joined the Army National Guard in 2005, deployed to Iraq 2005-2006. After serving time in war zone, wanted to come home and change direction. Still had the desire to serve and went on a ride along with a friend that worked for Twiggs County Sheriff's Department. Chief Hadden stated he attended mandate school x 12 weeks. Prior to graduation began looking for a department, had spoken with Chief of Centerville Ernie Pardo at the time and began his career with Centerville.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley recognizing Houston County Commissioner Walker, former Mayor Ronnie Brand.

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

### Public Comments

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

- July 18, 2017 Council Work Session

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Discussion 2017 Millage Rate: City Accountant Harrison provided PT 38 computation for review. Will bring back at the September 19, 2017 work session to adopt. Recommended the current millage rate 11.972 for 2017. No motion or action taken.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, enjoyed Chief Hadden, appreciates service to country and city, and knows it not an easy job.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, none.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, thanked Chief Hadden stating “marines don’t cry their eyeballs sweat”.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, thanked Chief Hadden for his service. Spoke about the Georgia Muncipal Association- GMA E newsletter, which contained an article where we had hired an outreach company-Nextsite 360; very nice article.

Mayor, proud of Chief Hadden and wanted him to share his story.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: Councilman Armijo made motion to enter into executive session at 7:18pm; seconded by Councilman Evans.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:44pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Affidavit & Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 8:45pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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