

Special Council Meeting

July 10, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 6:00pm.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman Jonathan Nichols and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Appointment to fill Post 3 Council Vacancy – Mayor Harley read the following section from city charter explaining the rules to appoint individual to Post 3 council vacancy. See below:

Section 5. - [Filling of vacancies; meetings.]

In the event of any vacancy prior to expiration of term in the office of mayor or councilman by death, resignation, or for any other cause, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the holding of a special election within 60 days after such vacancy if more than six months remain in the term of office. If less than six months remain, vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining officers within 30 days after such vacancy, and in each such case cited, the mayor or councilman, as the case may be, shall take office immediately. Said mayor and councilman shall normally hold regular and open meetings on the first Tuesday of each calendar month and called meetings at such times necessary to conduct the affairs of the city. However, the date of any meeting may be changed if advertised in a newspaper of general circulation at least three days prior to such meeting.

Mayor Harley entertained motion for consideration to fill vacancy. Motion made by Councilman Nichols to appoint J. Micheal Evans to fill Post 3 Council vacancy; seconded by Councilman Andrews.

Councilman Wright stated that he is having a hard time with this, doesn't know him personally; has good credentials. Expressed that this had not been done properly. Everyone (Governing Authority) was asked to put someone's name in the "hat" for consideration. Councilman Nichols had recommended that the final decision be brought before Mayor and Council at the council work session. Councilman Wright stated that after an executive session last week, his phone was "buzzing off". Councilman Tucker hadn't resigned yet from his seat, other members of council were already nominating individuals. This isn't due process, Councilman Wright stated that he is having an issue with the process and had to get this off his chest. This is nothing personal, Mr. Evans is qualified.

Mayor Harley called for the vote. Unanimous-Motion carried.

Mayor Harley recognized City Attorney Tydings and asked her if they (Mayor and Council), have done anything wrong under the eyes of the law. Mrs. Tydings stated she has not been privy of any group conversation outside of meetings and following proper procedures according to city charter and Georgia law.

Administration of Oath – Council Post 3 – Mayor Harley recognized Honorable Judge Katherine K. Lumsden whom administered the oath to J. Micheal Evans, to fill the Post 3 vacancy for the remaining term that will end December 31, 2015. A copy of the oath is attached and made part of official minutes.

Councilmember assignments over department – Mayor Harley stated that the current assignments over departments will remain the same. The only change will be where Post 3 is the primary chair (Fire Department), the Mayor will also assist.

Resolution authorized signatures Confiscated Funds Account – Councilman Nichols made motion to approve resolution to authorize Police Director Edward Tucker as signatory on Confiscated Funds Account; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Resolution authorized safe deposit box access – Councilman Nichols made motion authorizing Edward Tucker access to the safe deposit; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Resolution 2015-8.

Post 1 Councilman Andrews stated he was excited for the city tonight. This is a significant historical occasion for our city and congratulated Mr. Evans. Councilman Andrews stated that Mr. Evans will add an experienced and diverse voice to the city council. Mr. Evans comes to the city with experience and GMA educational training; professional training resume is impressive. Look forward to being challenged and made better by your presence on this council. You are qualified to do the job that you have been appointed for on the council.

Post 2 Councilman Wright congratulated Councilman Evans.

Post 3 Councilman Evans thanked Councilman Nichols for the kind words and Councilman Andrews. Thanked the entire council for placing their confidence in him to serve. Also, giving him the opportunity to serve the citizens in Centerville. Thanked his mother, father, wife, sisters and nieces. Beginning of a journey, excited and looking forward to serving.

Mayor Harley stated that he is proud to be a part of the historic moment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date