

Regular Council Meeting  
June 2, 2015

Invocation given by Councilman Tucker.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Andrews.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley with recognition of Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman Edward Tucker and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent, Councilman Jonathan Nichols-out of town on mission trip to Brazil.

Public Comments

None

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

- May 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- May 19, 2015 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Presentation “The Cove at York” Proposed Residential Development: Jordan Whiteside, Vantage Development, LLC, provided a copy of the proposed development with company information to the Mayor and Council for review. Currently, the company is working on a low income housing tax credit development that they will be submitting an application to Ga Department of Community Affairs “DCA” for funding. The proposed development is to be located at N. Houston Lake Rd and is planned to be a 96 unit residential development. Mrs. Whiteside stated they will be submitting application next week. Will have onsite development office- Monday-Friday (8-5) and onsite maintenance with the same hours.

Mrs. Whiteside reported that the company was created in the 1970’s, today under the leadership of Mr. Barron, Vantage Management, LLC manages 51 operational properties totaling over 2,260 units of affordable, multifamily housing. The company maintains ownership of all properties for its lifetime.

In closing, would like to be good neighbors for this community and provide a nice development.

Councilman Tucker stated that on the plat there is about 70% development, any future development of the remaining greenspace. Mrs. Whiteside stated that due to wetlands and easements, not a lot of remaining property that could be developed. However, once stabilization and project completion is accomplished, then possibly nature trails/recreation area would be constructed if they are granted funding.

City Accountant Harrison asked the question, would they be responsible for total property taxes? Mrs. Whiteside confirmed that they would not be exempt or eligible for discounts and total property taxes would be paid. These are rental units, not individually owned.

In closing Mrs. Whiteside, encouraged Mayor and Council to contact her with any further questions.

Presentation FY 2015-2016 Budget: City Accountant Carol Harrison presented power point presentation of the FY 2015-2016 Budget. A copy of the presentation attached and made part of the official minutes.

Mayor Harley opened the floor for council comments.

Councilman Tucker stated he is speaking for himself and Councilman Nichols. It was a privilege to sit on the budget committee. Thanked the department heads for their stewardship of citizen's money and due diligence when presenting their budget. Expressed that it was an honor to work with the department heads during the budget preparation. Councilman Tucker publicly thanked City Accountant Harrison for her professionalism.

City Accountant Harrison stated that it is a team effort.

Councilman Tucker agreed with Mrs. Harrison and added we have stars in each department. Wish the state/ national government would come visit our city, we are doing it right. Hope that the citizens will appreciate the department heads hard work.

Public Hearing FY 2015-2016 Budget: Mayor Harley entertained motion to close regular council meeting. Motion made by Council Wright to close regular council meeting and open public hearing at 7:39pm; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Ralph Kennedy, 101 Crestwood Ct, appreciates the hard work that everyone does not only in the field but in the offices.

Mayor Harley commented that the training that they (Mayor and Council) attend, the information is brought back and utilized. Proud of each of them.

Closed public hearing and opened regular council meeting at 7:41pm.

Georgia Department of Corrections -McEver Probation Work Detail Agreement: A copy of the agreement was included in the Mayor and Council packets for review. Director of Operations Brumfield reported that the agreement is the same as last year; City Attorney Tydings has reviewed the agreement and there are no issues. Mr. Brumfield made recommendation to approve and authorize Mayor as signatory. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve and authorize Mayor as signatory and General Fund / Water Sewer will fund the contract; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Point of Information-Georgia Firefighter Burn Foundation: Fire Chief Jones wanted to report that the Fire Department has received a \$3,000.00 grant for fire safety purposes; CFD was awarded the maximum amount. The money will be used for decal and wrapping the fire safety trailer recently purchased from Warner Robins. The estimated cost is \$3,250.00 for the decal and wrap. The additional \$250.00 will be paid from the general fund-donated funds account-picture fund.

2015 Swingin' Medallions—Outdoor Contract Rider: City Clerk Bedingfield provided a copy of the agreement to Mayor and Council for review. Mrs. Tydings had reviewed and revised original agreement. Mrs. Bedingfield reported the revised agreement was approved by the Swinging Medallions representative, a copy is attached. Recommendation to approve and authorize Mayor Harley as signatory on the agreement and contract rider. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve and designate Mayor Harley as signatory on agreement and contract rider; seconded by Councilman Tucker. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Cameron Andrews reported that he attended the Centerville Rotary Club meeting that morning and gave brief presentation about the upcoming Independence Day Celebration. Publicly thanked City Clerk Bedingfield for preparing information about the event to share with the club members.

Post 3 Edward Tucker reported that he might be absent at the next meeting due to Army National Guard Duty. He stated that he will try and make it back in time.

Mayor Harley mentioned his Alaska trip. Had a wonderful trip and that it was a great vacation; encouraged everyone if they have an opportunity to take an Alaskan cruise.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 7:49pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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Date