

Council Work Session

January 17, 2017

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

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Accountant Carol Harrison.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Firefighter Recognition Ceremony: Chief Jones reported the August 28, 2016 on-duty shift responded to a single car accident; patient was still inside the car and unresponsive when they arrived on scene. The Firefighters got patient out of the car, began CPR and administered the AED heart defibrillator on the 23 year old female, saving her life. Sgt David Dorman, Firefighters John Gilbert, Austin Floyd and Brent West (not present) were recognized. Chief Jones presented each with a SAVE coin and certificate.

Home Based Business-Due North Property Solutions, LLC (owner: Rachel Coley-175 Arbor Creek): Councilman Evans briefly explained the type of business and reported that no clients will be coming to the home, only meeting clients at their location; no issues. Councilman Evans made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Home Based Business-Jet-Fully Cleaning and Moving Services (owner: Jennifer Thomas Young-121 Arnold St): Councilman Armijo recognized Mrs. Young. Mrs. Young described type of business she would like to open. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Appointment 2017 Mayor Pro Tem (Post 3 Councilman Micheal Evans): Mayor Harley entertained motion to appoint Post 3 Micheal Evans as Mayor Pro Tem for 2017. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Proclamation School Choice Week: Mayor Harley read proclamation. A copy is attached and made part of official minutes. No motion or action taken.

Adoption of Town Center Incentive Policy: Kate Hogan reminded everyone of email that was sent out earlier last week re: town center incentive package. This was developed in conjunction with Middle Georgia Regional Commission (present: Ms. Kayleigh Sullivan and Laura Mathis-

MGRC representatives). Mayor Harley stated he was impressed with the initiative. Councilman Evans stated he appreciates the flexibility that it gives the city, but also gives opportunity. Laura Mathis (Executive Director-MGRC) stated she was here for any questions. Councilman Armijo asked if this is a similar policy that is comparable to cities similar in size. Mrs. Mathis confirmed, the only difference with the structure is that it doesn't require job creation, however, can come back at a later date to amend. This is a really good place to start.

Mayor Harley asked Mrs. Mathis to explain what they do. Mrs. Mathis said they –MGRC are here to serve cities within the state and assist with variety of projects and initiatives.

Randy Spencewood, 403 Sleepy Lane WR, asked if they MGRC can also assist private citizens. Mrs. Mathis stated that the MGRC's clients are public (local government) entities.

Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt Town Center Incentive Policy as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Resolution – Appointment of Mike Cohen to Planning and Zoning Board: Director of Operations Brumfield read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve as written and will become effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. See Resolution 2017-1.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, congratulations doesn't put into words feelings towards the Fire Department, from the bottom of my heart appreciates the work they do, what a privilege to save a life. The family will be forever grateful. Please know that we all sleep well with you guys out there each night. Also, mentioned the pamphlets that were dropped off in neighborhoods, listened to an upset neighbor, wanted to make it clear that this doesn't reflect how the city feels on this matter, has never experienced this and will not mention their name. Does not personally appreciate that the media named the streets where the pamphlets were dropped and our city, does not take this lightly.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, echoed Councilman Andrews's comments re: Fire Department and mentioned Police as well, job well done.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, congratulations to Fire Department and thanked them for their work, saving a life matters.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, saving a life is "big time". Heroes, recognized Firefighter Austin Floyd and his wife. Recognizes the closeness in our city and the diverseness, we all take a stand for the same thing. God Bless you and thanked them for being here tonight.

Mayor Harley repeated something that he had heard from Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms "he didn't understand fireman, they are running towards something that we as citizens are running away from". Mayor mentioned that he had participated in a Martin Luther King event and was distressed about the incident that also happened that day in Centerville.

Executive Session-Future Acquisition of Real Estate & Personnel Matters: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Wright to enter into executive session at 5:40pm; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 6:33pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date