

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 7pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Nichols

Pledge of Allegiance led by Troop 400, boy scout- Trevor Mines.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley

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

Public Comments

Fire Chief Jones, reported, Saturday, July 18 The Centerville Fire Department and Red Cross will be visiting the following neighborhoods: Valle Venado / Valencia Circle/ Westover/ Tumbleweed Circle and will be giving away free smoke detectors. Chief Jones stated that they are trying to reduce burn injuries. The smoke detectors will be coming from Red Cross, received the detectors from a grant.

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Tucker. Motion carried.

- June 2, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- June 9, 2015 Special Council Meeting
- June 16, 2015 Council Work Session
- June 24, 2015 Special Council Meeting

Old Business

Probation and Rehabilitation Services Agreement: City Attorney Tydings stated that the probation services are being brought in house. This agreement must be adopted and approved and signed by Mayor Harley. The judge will sign it next week. Motion made by Councilman Nichols to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

New Business

Home Based Business License-Anyone Can Dream-Princess Parties & Entertainment (800 Gunn Rd Apt 828 (Christine Fontaine): Councilman Andrews motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

City Council Post 3 – Councilman Tucker stated that 7 years and 6 months ago he became Councilman. A lot has happened over the years. Has been blessed and given opportunities to lead people. In closing, stated that he is going to resign from the position Councilman Post 3.

Mayor Harley stated he will miss him being on the Council.

Police Department reorganization: Councilman Nichols stated the following: I will have (3) motions associated with this agenda item.

1. First, I make a motion to eliminate the Assistant Chief position in the Police Department, effective immediately, and to offer Garrett Cooley a severance agreement. The Mayor would be authorized to execute the severance agreement on behalf of the city, should Mr. Cooley choose to sign it, subject to all applicable waiting periods; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.
2. Second, I make a motion to create the position of Director of Police Services and to adopt the associated job description, which is in your folders; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.
3. Third, as you all know, the Police Department needs someone with strong management and leadership skills. Mr. Edward Tucker not only brings almost 30 years in the classroom as an educator; he also brings 26 years honorable service in the United States Army where he currently holds the rank of Sergeant Major; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Final motion made by Councilman Nichols to appoint Mr. Edward Tucker as the Director of Police Services, effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, a privilege to serve with Mr. Tucker, 7 ½ years on the Council, stating “do a good job”. Also, reported that during his GMA training, the following course-conflict and resolution, began a conversation about the order of service, commended the council with the change of order on the agenda. Adding the following item on the agenda: public comments; gives the public the opportunity to voice complaints, previous to a vote.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, a pleasure to serve with Councilman Tucker. Also, publicly thanked City Clerk Bedingfield for her work in the preparation and planning the June 30, 2015- Independence Day Celebration.

Post 4 Councilman Nichols, stated that he has taken great lengths to ensure the city is taken care of and the employees of the Police Department for their futures. Sometimes right under your nose you have the right person for the job and that is Mr. Edward Tucker. Does not take this lightly, change affects lives. Challenges each of you to pray before you do something and discuss it. Mr. Tucker will take them to the future, proud today appointing Edward Tucker. Honor to have a great leader to lead the Police Department. Wants everyone to be excited. Also, reported in attendance at the GMA Convention, Mayor Harley was honored with the completion of courses highest achievement with UGA; educational plan. Proud to say we have a Mayor that cares about people and wants to the right thing. In closing, the only way to learn is be taught; trying to do this on a daily basis.

Mayor Harley, also stated that it is very important to attend training. Very happy to have talent and expertise to lead city. In closing, notified everyone there will be a special called council meeting Friday, July 10, 2015; agenda will be published.

Meeting adjourned 7:28pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date