

Regular Council Meeting
June 7, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 7:00pm.

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley and recognized Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker.

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

Craig Anderson, 106 Mason Drive, and Discussion: Peddler's License: Mr. Anderson introduced himself, stating that he has lived in the area for 12 years. Wanting to address Mayor and Council regarding his concerns about security with door to door sales/peddlers. Mr. Anderson recommends revising section 40-22 (Prohibited locations) to include language prohibiting residential solicitation.

Councilman Andrews stated he understands, asking City Attorney Tydings what are the constitutional rights if code is amended.

City Attorney Tydings stated that she will do a survey of ordinances to see how other communities regulate door-to-door sales and peddlers and will also reach out to other colleagues.

Councilman Armijo voiced concerns about prohibiting door-to-door sales altogether and gave examples of solicitations that he is concerned about such as girl scouts- cookies, boy scouts- popcorn and Fire Department- picture fund.

DIVISION 2. - LICENSE -Sec. 40-52. - Required; fee. All peddlers and itinerant merchants selling goods or services in the city shall first obtain a license as provided in this division. The license fee for peddlers and itinerant merchants shall be as set out in the city fee schedule in [chapter 22](#), to be paid upon application by each person desiring to engage in such business. (Code 1992, § 6-221; Ord. of 5-3-1983, § I)
Sec. 40-53. - Application. At the time of making license application each peddler shall furnish evidence of his good character which shall include among other things his social security number, his places of residence for the previous 12 months, a copy of his driver's license, and two passport-type pictures. If the license is granted one of the pictures must be attached to the license which license must be carried on the person of the peddler at all times.

(Code 1992, § 6-222; Ord. of 5-3-1983, § II)

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

- May 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- May 17, 2016 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Home Based Business: Appliance Repair of Middle Georgia: Councilman Wright stated that there will be no customers at home, that only business-related paperwork will be processed. Councilman Wright made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Presentation FY 2017 Proposed Budget: City Accountant Harrison thanked Mayor Harley and Councilman Wright and presented FY 2016-17 proposed budget via power point. A copy of presentation attached and made part of official minutes.

Mayor Harley entertained motion to close regular council meeting and opened public hearing at 7:39pm. Motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. There were no comments made. Mayor Harley closed public meeting at 7:40pm and reconvened regular council meeting.

Ordinance amendment – Chapter 24. Fire Prevention and Protection: Councilman Wright recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones reported that the amendments will update burn laws, add fees related to illegal burning and add fees for fire inspections for repeat (2nd and 3rd) inspections. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt ordinance as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2016-3.

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 24 Buildings and Building Regulations: Councilman Andrews briefly explained that the amendment will include language adding new requirements re: permitting and then recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield stated the amendment will include permitting requirements for roofing contractors. The ordinance will also require roofing contractors to obtain a roll-off/ dumpster through the city to complete the job. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to adopt as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2016-4.

Ordinance Amendment City Administration and Identity Theft Program: Mayor Harley recognized City Attorney Tydings. Mrs. Tydings stated this ordinance amendment, presented at the Mayor's request, is being amended to reflect the current administrative structure of the city. The ordinance also refers to the City's personnel policy manual related to reporting structure as governed by the manual.

Additionally, the red flag policy (Identity Theft Protection Program) was brought before Mayor and Council several months ago by City Accountant Harrison. At this time, Mrs. Harrison recommends tabling the ordinance adoption so that she can go back and review the Red Flag Policy portion.

Motion made by Councilman Evans to table item until the June 21, 2016 Council work session; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Point of Information-Weapons/ Handgun Transitions: Police Chief Rodgers presented as a point of information on the exchange and purchase of 21 weapons from Ed's Public Safety. Chief Rodgers provided a quote for review. The cost for the exchange would be est. \$2,102.20 for 21

9mm Glock handguns; will turn over to the dealer 21- 40 caliber Glock handguns. This will prove to be cost effective because ammunition for these weapons is less expensive. Chief Rodgers also stated that the officers will be certifying with their weapon 4 times a year vs. once a year.

Councilman Andrews stated that statistics are better with 9 millimeter vs a 40 caliber. The certification 4 times a year is better than 1 time a year and he “supports” this idea. Is there a buy back allowed for the officers? Chief Rodgers confirmed “yes”.

Councilman Evans reminded Chief Rodgers that this puts the Police Department in line with all law enforcement agencies. This is very important that we all work together and are using the same weapons. Chief Rodgers talked about an incident, where an officer ran out of ammunition with 40 caliber and the other agency officer was using a 9 millimeter, the officer had to hide because he had no ammo to reload weapon.

Councilman Armijo asked how long we had 40 calibers. Captain Hadden reported since 2014. Councilman Armijo asked what we had prior to the 40 calibers. Captain Hadden stated they have always had 40 calibers.

Approval-Purchase for New Vehicle for New Lt. Position: Police Chief Rodgers stated that when the new Lt. comes on board, he or she will not have a vehicle. Seeking approval tonight to purchase vehicle for new position. Chief Rodgers stated that the Dodge charger is the best deal with the package.

Councilman Armijo asked Chief what are the vehicles currently not being utilized? Chief Rodgers stated, one at this time (Crown Vic). However, once an investigator is moved over to this slot then the Crown Vic will no longer be available. Councilman Armijo stated he would like to table item until future meeting, trying to understand why we are buying a new vehicle.

Chief Rodgers explained that currently they are moving individuals in the agency, interviewing at this time internally and this Crown Vic will go to the investigator.

Councilman Armijo stated he would like to table item until the June 21, 2014 council work session; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Councilman Evans reminded everyone that a prior meeting, a new organizational chart was adopted. In addition, the proposed budget includes the new Lt. Position. Motion carried.

Approval Architectural Contract David Selby- Water Sewer: Councilman Andrews stated that he is excited and this has been a long time coming.

Director of Operations reported that this contract would govern the architect’s role in construction and design of a new public works building. Seeking approval tonight for Mayor Harley to sign contract and include in the motion for City Accountant Harrison to begin searching for construction funding sources.

Councilman Andrews made motion to enter into a contract with Architect David Selby to design and oversee the building of a streets and utilities shop on city property located on Elberta Road.

This motion includes:

1. Authorization for the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to fully execute the contract;

2. Authorization for Director of Operations Brumfield to act as the City's representative, working with Mr. Selby, on the project; and
3. To instruct City Accountant Harrison to begin researching options for project financing."

Seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, None.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, stated that this- Approval Architectural Contract David Selby- Water Sewer has been a long time coming, when he first came on board the Utility Department/ shop was a small building. We are growing.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, reported that this weekend, attended a function put on by an attorney Forest B. Johnson. Chief Rodgers and Lt. Montford also were in attendance. Mr. Johnson presented a check to the Police Department in the amount of \$1000.00. Councilman Evans stated this is another good news story.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, thanked City Accountant Harrison for her hard work and time working on the budget.

Mayor Harley, reported the magazine Ga Informer did an interview with Chief Rodgers and the article has been published, encouraged everyone to read. Mayor Harley expressed to everyone they should take the opportunity to read.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date