

Council Work Session  
March 1, 2016

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

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent, Councilman Armijo (out of town attending state mandated training for newly elected officials) and City Clerk Bedingfield (out of work – medical leave).

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley; recognizing law enforcement dignitaries present: HCSO-Sheriff Cullen Talton, HCSO-Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy Rape and Mrs. Rape; HCSO Captain Ronnie Harlowe; Perry Police Chief Steve Lynn and Warner Robins Police Chief Brett Evans. Also welcomed Commissioner Jay Walker.

Swearing in of Police Chief Ronald Rodgers: Mayor Harley recognized and publicly thanked Captain Charles Hadden for the job he has done leading the police department.

Mayor Harley read the Police Chief's Oath of Office and City Attorney Tydings gave the oath to Chief Rodgers. Mrs. Rodgers pinned the new Chief's badge on his lapel. Copy of the oath attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- February 16, 2016 Council Work Session
- February 18, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Mayor Harley noted that Councilman Armijo is absent tonight – attending state mandated newly elected officials training.

Old Business

Richard Greuel-Integrated Science & Engineering: Director of Operations Brumfield & City Attorney Tydings – Mr. Greuel presented an abbreviated version of his previous storm water utility presentation. A copy of Mr. Greuel's presentation is attached to and made a copy of these minutes.

Public Hearing-Storm Water Utility: Mayor Harley closed regular council meeting and entered into public hearing at 7:32 p.m.; No comments from the public. Mayor Harley adjourned public hearing at 7:34 pm and reconvened regular council meeting.

2nd Reading/Proposed Adoption - Ordinance-Storm Water Utility: Motion made by Councilman Andrews to adopt storm water ordinance as written and authorizing City Accountant Harrison to take all steps necessary to establish a separate storm water utility bank account; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2016-1.

#### New Business

LMIG-Memorandum of Understanding: Motion made by Councilman Wright to enter into and authorize Mayor Harley to sign the MOU; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. A copy of the MOU is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Award of Consultant – Rape property project: Councilman Wright presented comments and made motion as follows:

On October 20, 2015, the City of Centerville released an RFP (request for proposals) for a project titled the “Centerville Town Center Master Plan.” A committee of five reviewed the 10 responses received and selected the firm of Clark Patterson Lee after interviewing two finalists. The committee members were myself (Councilman Wright), Councilman Evans, Middle Georgia Regional Commission Government Services Specialist Cam Yearty, City Attorney Tydings and Director of Operations Brumfield. Currently, the City Attorney is reviewing a proposed contract that will govern the work. The contract amount is \$80,500.00. Once the contract is finalized and the work commences, the timeline for a finished product is approximately 16 weeks. Public input is a large part of the design process. Opportunities for public input will be widely published. At this time, I will defer to City Accountant Harrison to discuss the proposed funding sources for this project.

City Accountant Harrison stated the current 2015-2016 FY budget included \$62,205 to fund an Economic Development department/staff person. That department has not been created nor has anyone been hired for the position. Therefore, the \$62,205.00 allocated to do so can be moved into the Professional Services line item in the General Fund budget to cover most of the \$80,500.00 contract price for Clark Patterson Lee. The additional funds can be allocated as follows: \$11,000.00 from the General Fund Contingency and \$7,295.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

Councilman Wright resumed the discussion by thanking City Accountant Harrison and then proceeded to make the motion as follows: I make a motion that the City awards the contract for the Centerville Town Center Master Plan to the firm of Clark Patterson Lee. This motion also includes authority for Mayor Harley to sign the contract governing this relationship as well as any and all documents necessary to carry out and complete the project. Finally, the motion includes the designation of the funding sources identified by City Accountant Harrison to cover the total cost of \$80,500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Point of information – Georgia Cities Week: City Attorney Tydings - this is an annual week-long event sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association. This year, Georgia Cities Week will be observed April 17-23, 2016. Over 100 Georgia Cities participate in this event every year. The theme of this year’s event is “Go to Town.” The purpose of the event is to showcase and celebrate cities and the services they provide. Many times the good works of city government go overlooked. Centerville will have three activities as part of Georgia Cities Week. The Mayor and Council will adopt a resolution declaring April 17-23 Georgia Cities Week in Centerville. The City will host local elementary school students for tours of city buildings. The tours will end with students back at City Hall to “meet their Mayor and Council” and ask questions. The City will also host a city-wide cleanup day on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with Georgia Cities Week and Earth Day (which is April 22<sup>nd</sup>). We will be bringing more information in the weeks to come about this celebration of Georgia Cities.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews – Congratulations to the new Police Chief; we’ve taken two big steps tonight – important business – storm water utility and what we are about to do with the Rape property – thanked Chief Rape and told him that he and his family would be proud. Appreciated their contribution to the city over the years.

Post 2 Councilman Wright– Congratulations to our new Police Chief and also thanked the Rape family – we now have a location for our town center.

Post 3 Councilman Evans – Congratulations to our new Police Chief. Thanked Captain Hadden for a job well done for keeping the Police Department on track as the Chief search progressed. Thanks to the Rape family for making us able to obtain property for a town center.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo –absent – attending Newly Elected Officials Training.

Mayor Harley – So proud of new Police Chief – bragging about him everywhere. Mayor Harley stated to Chief Rape that we would make him and his family very proud of plans for the property. Again thanked Captain Hadden for holding the Police Department together during very trying times.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Randall Wright

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Date

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Attest by City Attorney Rebecca Tydings