

Regular Council Meeting
May 3, 2016

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Armijo.

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

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward D. Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent- Councilman Cameron W. Andrews had a prior engagement.

Public Comments

Terry Westmoreland, 106 Crestwood Ct- Discussion Number of Animals per Household: Mr. Westmoreland not present. No discussion.

• **Chapter 8- Animals Sec. 8-17. - Number of animals per residential lot**

It shall be unlawful for there to be more than a combined total of six animals on any residential lot subject to the following exceptions:

- (1) Pet owners in compliance with any prior ordinance limiting the number of animals shall be allowed to continue to keep said number of animals.
- (2) A litter of puppies or kittens will be permitted to remain on a property for a period of 12 weeks after their birth.
- (3) Limitation does not apply to residential lots of five or more acres or for lots zoned residential agricultural (R-AG).
- (4) No animals listed in [section 8-6](#) shall be allowed.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion by Councilman Evans to adopt Regular Council and Work Session minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

- April 5, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- April 19, 2016 Council Work Session

Motion to adopt Special Council Meeting minutes by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Evans mentioned that the April 22, 2016 meeting was a part of the Ga Cities Week; elementary students toured city hall and got an opportunity to participate in a council meeting and asked questions. City Attorney noted this was a non-meeting- no quorum was present and adopting record as written. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried.

- April 22, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- April 25, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Old Business

None

New Business

Home Business License: Southeast Recovery (owner: Janda Gray, 300 Sunshine Way): Councilman Evans reported there will be no customer or vehicles at the home residence and made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Home Business License: E & J Lawns (owner: Eric Jimenez, 126 Ridgebend Dr): Councilman Armijo made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

A2Z Performance Agreement-June 30 2016 Independence Day Celebration: City Clerk Bedingfield informed everyone that A2Z will be the “showcase” band for the June 30 Independence Day event. The band will play (2) - one hour sets. This is a budgeted item. City Attorney Tydings has reviewed agreement and there were no issues or concerns noted. Seeking approval tonight authorizing Mayor Harley as signatory and execute agreement. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment - Vantage Development Application for Zoning Variance: (Houston County Tax Assessor Parcel numbers): 0C001A 043000; 0C001A 044000; 0C001A 0500000 and 0C001A 045000: Director of Operations Brumfield informed Mayor and Council that there are (2) different variances that are being presented tonight. Mr. Brumfield recognized Mr. Ralph Kennedy- P & Z member. Mr. Kennedy reported that P&Z board met on Thursday (April 28) to consider variance, after deliberation the board unanimously approved and stated that at this time recommends that the variance is approved.

Mayor Harley closed regular meeting and opened session to public hearing at 7:13pm.

Mark Windham, 717 N Houston Lake Blvd, concerned that this will be a low income housing project, \$600 minimal rent, worried about this issue. Mayor Harley noted Mr. Windham’s concerns and stated that this does not have anything to do with the variance.

Closed public hearing and reopened council meeting at 7:16pm.

Mayor Harley entertained motion to adopt ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt ordinance as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Evans asked the question re: minimum lot width in square feet (60ft to 45ft), this is the smallest lot, most lots are larger. Plans will have to be submitted. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2016-2.

Proposed FY 2017 Budget submitted to Governing Authority for Review: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of proposed budget with supporting detail. A copy has been made available at the city clerk's office and advertising has been placed in the official organ (Houston Home Journal). No motion or action taken.

Comments from Council

Post 2 Councilman Wright reported that the city wide cleanup was a success and provided a report of collection stats. A copy is attached and made part of official minutes.

Post 3 Councilman Evans thanked Councilman Wright for all of his efforts re: clean-up day. Councilman Evans stated he wanted to report a good news story, since Chief Rodgers has come on board, received good news, read letter that was received re: Sgt Smith assistance with filing report pertaining to counterfeit check. This speaks about the leadership in the Police Department, encourages the officers to speak with citizens in the community.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, expressed his appreciation to the Houston County Commissioners recognizing Commissioner Jay Walker. Councilman Armijo stated that he been invited to attend Commissioners' meeting and was presented a pin and coffee mug, in appreciation for his military service. Commissioner Walker had made comment during the Houston County meeting that our working relationship with the city is a great one and he feels like he is with family when he attends the city's meeting. (Centerville council meetings). Councilman Armijo expressed appreciation and stated he was honored to have been invited.

Mayor Harley pleased to see where the city is heading, Department Heads do a great job.

Executive Session- Personnel Matters: Councilman Wright made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:27pm; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Executive session adjourned at 8:06pm. Motion made by Councilman Evans to reconvene council meeting at 8:06pm; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. A copy is attached and made part of official minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date