

Regular Council Meeting

October 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 7:04 pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Nichols
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley
Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley, recognized Commissioner Jay Walker; Ed Armijo candidate for Post 4 Council seat.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Jonathan Nichols and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

Mark Churchwell, 111 Cross Ridge Drive: Discussion-Ordinance-Solid Waste Management (Garbage Cans) – was not present at the meeting (no show).

No one else came forward to make comments.

Adoption of Minutes

September 1, 2015- Regular Council Meeting

September 4, 2015 Special Council Meeting

September 9, 2015 Special Council Meeting

September 15, 2015- Council Work Session – correction Councilman Nichols gave invocation and Councilman Evans led Pledge of Allegiance

September 18, 2015- Special Council Meeting

Motion to adopt all sets of minutes as written with noted correction to September 15th as noted above made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Business

Proclamation- Red Ribbon Week (James Berres): Mayor Harley read Proclamation – six young men and women were present as representatives of Warner Robins Young Marines. Presented red ribbon to Mayor and Council.

Presentation: Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)-Lisa Kirksey: Fire Chief Jones – Laura West came in place of Lisa Kirksey. Centerville Fire Department raised \$14,225.00 through

boot drives and golf tournaments. Presented Ms. West with a check for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Money goes for a variety of MDA causes including sending kids with Muscular Dystrophy to summer camp at a cost of \$800.00 per child.

Proclamation-Fire Prevention Week: Councilman Nichols read Proclamation with Chief Jones present beside him.

Proclamation-October 2015 Triple Ribbon Month: Mayor Harley read Proclamation.

Mayor Harley stopped at this point and recognized former Mayor Ronnie Brand, whom he had missed recognizing at the beginning of the meeting.

Update Houston County Library-Director Sara Paulk: Mayor Harley recognized Ms. Paulk. Handed out 2014-2015 Houston County Public Library System annual report. Thanked Mayor and Council and city employees for their help to and support of the library. Noted that Centerville Branch remains the most used/visited library in the Houston County System. Councilman Andrews mentioned his former tenure on the Library Board and expressed his support of the library.

Point of Information-Purchase of a Cargo Trailer: Fire Chief Jones – no action necessary – funds to purchase trailer appropriated in FY 2015-2016 budget. It is a 6' X 12' utility trailer that will be used to transport fire safety educational items to various events. Low quote from Mobile Space in Bonaire was \$2,100.00. Taking delivery tomorrow. Copy of quote and informational sheet attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Approval-Lieutenant/Fire Marshal Job Description-Fire Department: Fire Chief Jones – position approved in FY 2015-2016 budget. Motion made by Councilman Nichols; seconded by Councilman Andrews to adopt the job description. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fire Department Promotion Ceremony: Fire Chief Jones – Department went through a promotional process with panel of personnel from other agencies for Sergeant Position. Five candidates – Firefighter Daniel Meyer selected. Also, Sgt. Chad Kahley is being promoted to Lieutenant and will fill the newly created position of Fire Marshal. Sgt. Meyer's and Lt. Kahley's wives pinned on their new brass as part of the official promotion ceremony. Both officers also get new badges reflecting their rank. Both will also get different shields on their helmets. Lt. Kahley's helmet remains yellow with new shield while Sgt. Meyer's helmet goes from red to yellow with new shield.

Police Department Personnel: Councilman Evans – statement read by Mayor at this time as Mayor and Council have decided to move in a different direction. We have listened to and hear our citizens in the past few weeks and have decided to take action accordingly. Soon we will begin the process of developing a job description for the Chief of Police position for the City of Centerville and posting the job shortly.

Councilman Evans made a motion to eliminate the position "Director of Police Services."; seconded by Councilman Wright. Mayor Harley, Councilman Wright and Councilman Evans - favor. Opposed- Councilman Nichols and Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Taser International Body Camera contract: Councilman Evans – recognized Captain Harlowe. Captain Harlowe thanked everyone for making him feel welcome and staff for their help. Contract for 12 AXON body cameras with Taser International. \$12,906.00 for first year. Five year agreement subject to annual appropriate. Four subsequent years \$11,376.00 each year.

First year is higher due to training and start up. Deferred to City Accountant Harrison for funding source information. Money left over from quarterly payments on police fleet. Transferring \$12,906 from debt service to repairs and maintenance to cover this year's cost. No increase in budget. These body cameras replace the Smart GLASS product, which is being returned for a refund of approximately \$9,000.00. Motion by Councilman Evans to approve contract, from recommended funding source and authorize Mayor to sign contract on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilman Andrews. Councilman Nichols asked if cameras run constantly. Captain Harlowe advised that we are currently testing two of the AXON body camera units. They are turned on manually. Councilman Andrews asked if that means they are always recording. Captain Harlowe said, "In a way, yes." Motion passed unanimously.

Council Comments

Councilman Andrews-Post 1 – Congratulated Fire Department – thanks for a great job and excellent “hoorah”. Appreciate their bravery and courageousness – sometimes craziness. Also acknowledged police officer tough job and bravery. Acknowledged great fund raising efforts for MDA.

Councilman Wright- Post 2 – Congratulations to Fire Department for fund raising and the two officers promoted tonight. Thanked all employees for jobs well done.

Councilman Evans, Post 3 – Congratulated all who were promoted (and their families) and on their accomplishments.

Councilman Nichols, Post 4 – Mommy and Daddy taught me well. Apologized for kidding about Councilman Andrews’ hearing in reading the Fire Prevention Week proclamation – not meant to take away from importance of that. Sat in on Fire Department promotion interviews – excellent process. Challenged them to go out and learn and excel. We have a great Fire Department – highest ISO rating in the County.

Mayor Harley– So proud of Fire Department. Appreciate them very much. Others often mention how great our police and fire departments are. Great job of representing the City.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor John R. Harley

Date

Attest by City Attorney Rebecca Tydings