

Council Work Session

September 15, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:02pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Nichols.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley. In addition, recognized wife and his brother in law.

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

Paul Collins, 102 Red Oak Glen, Centerville, Ga. 31028: statement and question regarding Police Department. Addressing concerns re: turmoil in the Police Department. Mr. Collins stated that the Police Department “debacle” started when Andrews, Cooley and Hayes were running the department. Why did Centerville need (2) chiefs (Andrews, Cooley)? Why did Captain Hayes leave? Was he fired or paid to leave? What is going to cost the city for this ‘debacle’?

Mayor Harley stated that there is no “debacle”, this is your opinion. No cost to the citizens. Mayor Harley thanked him for his comments.

Geraldine Parker, 129 Ridgebend Dr, referenced the proposed Ordinance -2015 millage rate. Requesting clarification on how property is taxed. Is property taxed at 100% or 40 %? Also, asked if the seniors are included in the ordinance language.

Mayor Harley explained that properties are taxed at the rate of 40% of assessed market value. The senior exemption was approved by the voters/ people.

Clay Peacock, 209 Macintosh, referenced the Police Department vehicle take home SOP. The policy mentions –Director of Police Services (paragraph 3). Mr. Peacock asked the Mayor and Council if we still have a Director of Police Services job.

Mayor Harley stated that this SOP will be discussed tonight. There can be some changes before final approval.

Old Business

New Business

Proclamation Alzheimer’s National Awareness Month: Councilman Jonathan Nichols read resolution and presented to Mrs. Tara Johnson.

Presentation Jim Taylor-Wellston, Trees and Greens, Mr. Taylor stated that passive parks are much needed for our community. A copy attached and made part of official minutes.

Ordinance Adoption 2015 Millage Rate: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the proposed ordinance for adoption. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt ordinance as written- millage rate 11.972 for 2015; seconded by Councilman Nichols. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2015-4.

Budget Resolution- 3rd Budget Amendment FY 2015: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the budget resolution. Motion to approve budget resolution made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. See 2015-10.

Appointment Poll Workers- November 3, 2015-General Election: City Clerk Bedingfield provided a list of individuals for consideration along with compensation to serve as poll workers in the November 3, 2015 General Election; expenditures were included in the FY 2015-2016 elections budget. Mrs. Bedingfield reported as a point of information, Mrs. Siefert (Accounts Payable/ Payroll Clerk) and I have completed the continued education elections training. Poll workers will be attending training on September 24. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve recommendation to appoint poll workers for the November 3, 2015 General Election to include compensation; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Appointment Municipal Court Pro Tem Judge and Additional Public Defender: Councilman Andrews recognized City Attorney Tydings. Mrs. Tydings made recommendation to appoint Carl Veline as Court Pro Tem Judge for the remainder of 2015 and Duncan Munn as the Public Defender for the remainder of 2015; both appointments will end December 31, 2015. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve appointments; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Police Department Vehicle Take Home SOP: Councilman Evans mentioned guidelines re: take home vehicles. This policy needs to be put in place. Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt SOP as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Post 1, Councilman Cameron Andrews, letter of recognition received from Houston County Galleria, Georgia Child Safety Event-GA Chip Child Identification,, held on Saturday September 12; thanking Officer Christopher Scuderi for putting on the event. In addition, Mayor Harley thanked the fellow officers that participated.

Post 3, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, thanked the officers that participated on Saturday's event; recognizing Officer Welch, Officer Scuderi, Sergeant Montford and Sergeant Washington. Councilman Evans went to the event. In closing, thanked the officers for keeping citizens children safe.

Post 4, Councilman Jonathan Nichols, recently attended an event a week ago at Centerville Elementary School (CES). Mr. Richard Woods, State of Georgia- School Superintendent, presented the award- Family, Friendly Presentation. Councilman Nichols stated he is very proud to be associated with CES. Also, represented the City of Centerville in the 9/11 ceremony held at Warner Robins Law Enforcement and thanked the Mayor for this opportunity.

Mayor Harley, stated that Councilman Nichols did a great job and appreciates that he was available to attend. Also, stated that he appreciated the citizens that attend the council meetings

Executive Session -Personnel Matters: Councilman Andrews made motion to enter into executive session at 6:02pm; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Nichols to close executive session at 7:08pm and reconvene; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Attorney Rebecca Tydings

Date