

Council Work Session

September 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Marketing/ Economic Developer Kate Hogan.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, and Councilman Edward D. Armijo. Absent: City Attorney Tydings.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Dedication-POW/MIA Flag & Chair: Mayor Harley recognized Rita Starnes-Tinney (Public Relations) Rolling Thunder, Inc. Georgia 3. Mrs. Tinney stated Mayor Harley had approached them re: POW/ MIA Flag/ Chair. This is a national non-profit organization. Brings awareness to soldiers that have fought in foreign countries. Mrs. Tinney reported there are 82,000 soldiers that are still not home. Mission to make sure that everyone knows that if someone puts on that uniform that they are coming home, current and past soldiers. Their loved one is not forgotten. Mrs. Tinney confirmed Mr. Sanders Walker, prior resident of Centerville was a WW II prisoner of war; no longer resides in this area. Mrs. Tinney introduced Private William D. Freeman, former POW from Korea, served 963 days, he is not bitter, but understands the importance of what the flag and chair represents. Pvt. Freeman helped unveil the POW/MIA chair of honor. Vice President Jeff Witmer, Rolling Thunder, Inc. Georgia 3, also present for ceremony. Private Freeman spoke briefly about his experience and how to this day he remembers his fellow fallen soldiers.

Designation of Matching Funds for Department of Natural Resources Grant: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Marketing & Econ Development Hogan. Mrs. Hogan informed Mayor and Council, that she has sent a technical assistance letter to MGRC (Middle Georgia Regional Commission) for assistance. Seeking approval tonight for matching funds grant, requesting \$100,000 be placed in FY 2019 budget. Motion to designate \$100,000 for FY 2019 budget for the purpose of the Natural Resources Grant; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Discussion of New Logo for City of Centerville: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Marketing & Econ Development Hogan. Mrs. Hogan provided a copy of proposed logo. Mrs. Hogan stated that she was charged with task back in May by Councilman Andrews. A rebranding family friendly easily recognizable logo. The ultimate dream in marketing, the big “C”. Mrs. Hogan stated she could ask businesses to purchase “C” and it would echo throughout the city for marketing. General discussion among Mayor and Council: The current city seal vs marketing logo. No motion or action taken.

Ordinance Adoption 2017 Millage Rate: Councilman Andrews recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided a copy of proposed ordinance for 2017 millage rate-11.972. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to adopt ordinance as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2017-3.

Authorization New Bank Account Center Park at Centerville –Specific for Future Sale of Marketing Materials/Donations & Grant Money Relative to Center Park: Councilman Andrews recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison stated revenue/ expenditures would be reported in a separate fund specific to funding improvements (per Clark, Patterson, Lee Design) for Center Park only. As approved at the prior council meeting Mrs. Hogan will purchase from her budget, shirts, cups, bags and other logo items. The sale from these items will be deposited into the “Center Park at Centerville” bank account along with any potential donations, fundraising money or grant money to be used towards the vision of a completed Center Park. At tonight’s meeting, asking for authorization to open the new bank account “Center Park at Centerville”. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to authorize opening a new bank account specific to “Center Park at Centerville”; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1, Councilman Andrews; no comment.

Post 2, Councilman Wright, challenged Mayor, Council and Department Heads to volunteer at Recycling Center 3 hours a month on the weekend.

Post 3, Councilman Evans; no comment

Post 4, Councilman Armijo, mentioned some important dates coming up in the park; Sept 22 Farmers Market 12-5, fresh produce, encouraged everyone to attend. September 23-Movie in the Park, Sept 23- Ga Patrol Safety, Ga STATE Post in Perry, car seat check, encouraging citizens to join. Last Week-Hurricane Irma, we have a wonderful city, making sure all citizens were safe, everyone did a great job. Thanked all departments for doing a wonderful job. Spoke with one of the utilities workers who had witnessed a scary situation. A lot of down trees, people are burning some of the debris. The city is currently under a summer burn advisory cannot burn until after September 30, encouraged all to contact Fire Department to apply for burn permit. Enjoyed POW/ MIA presentation.

Mayor Harley informed everyone that you can apply for a burn permit online and then contact Fire department to provide permit number. Also, mentioned the 9/11 Ceremony, held yesterday, it had been postponed due to the weather, great event, thanked everyone for their participation. Spoke about Hurricane Irma, thanked Kate for keeping people notified of EMA updates via Facebook, Police, Fire and Utilities. Very proud of the city.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:39pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date