

Regular Council Meeting

September 6, 2016

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

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Operations Brumfield.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley and he recognized Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker.

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

Mayor Harley entertained motion to amend the agenda: Motion made by Councilman Andrews to amend item 12: Executive Session and add language “personnel matters”, also move comments from council above executive session agenda item; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Geraldine Parker, 129 Ridgebend Drive-Loitering, Safety & Security of Neighborhoods gave a brief history of her childhood growing up in Morocco. Mentioned a situation re: loitering at Eagle Springs tennis court and how the situation was handled. Policing isn't just about community policing but protecting citizens. Recommending to Police Rodgers more policing and less interviews. A copy of statement attached and made part of official documents.

Richard Beladino (President, Eagle Springs Homeowner Association), 301 Montview Way, responded to Mrs. Parker and stated that this (loitering) was handled. Mr. Beladino reported that he hasn't personally seen this happen. Signs have been posted that non-resident or resident guest cars will be towed and have added more lights in the area. The Chief of Police has been informed and more policing is being done in the neighborhood. Mr. Beladino said that Eagle Springs is taking care of its business.

Mrs. Parker stated she appreciates response from Mr. Beladino, however; what is to keep them from coming to other neighborhoods.

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

- August 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting
- August 16, 2016 Council Work Session

Old Business

Presentation-Center Park Concepts- Clark Patterson Lee (Tim Pulver, Kevin McOmbler, Rebecca Keefer, and Joe Powell): Mayor Harley introduced - Tim Pulver, Kevin McOmbler, Rebecca Keefer, and Joe Powell and recognized Mr. McOmbler to address the Council.

Mr. McOmbler stated that he has had the pleasure of working on this project and meeting several people. Turned the meeting over to Mrs. Keefer.

Mrs. Keefer thanked everyone for having them here at the meeting tonight. Briefly provided project background and survey results. Presented the power point presentation to include scope of work; concepts will be on social media. The proposed plan adoption will be September 20, 2016 Council Work Session. Mrs. Keefer recognized staff that served as steering committee members and thanked them for their input and feedback with the project: City Clerk Krista Bedingfield, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, City Accountant Carol Harrison, Mayor John Harley and Director of Operations Mike Brumfield. Mrs. Keefer then recognized Mr. Pulver to address Council.

Mr. Pulver discussed the different concepts/ schemes: A, B, C, D. All of the schemes has the amphitheater. General discussion among audience re: ideas of skate board park, basketball goals and concerns regarding sound from music with amphitheater. Jim Taylor, Wellston Dreams applauded Clark Patterson Lee and the City of Centerville for their work. A copy of the presentation is attached and made part of official minutes.

New Business

Home Based Business-Compacted Valet Trash Solutions, LLC (owner-Ralph Allen): Councilman Evans briefly described type of business – service provider will pick up trash from resident’s door, etc. and take it to the dumpster on site. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Councilman Armijo asked if this is in any violation to our current sanitation contract. City Attorney Tydings stated “no, because the provider won’t be collecting or disposing of the trash, simply taking it to the dumpster.” Mayor called for vote. Motion carried.

Family Promise Event “Car City”- Dave Razo (President- Board of Directors): Mayor Harley recognized Mr. Razo. Mr. Razo recognized (2) associates, Shirley Boan and Carolyn Schomer and invited everyone to come out on September 16, 2016 to experience homelessness. Provided a copy of scheduled events for that evening. Invited the Mayor and Council to come out and participate in the dunking booth and raise money. This is a problem that the group is raising awareness of – there are approximately 500 kids in Houston County that are currently homeless. Thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Public Announcement-Paulette Lemons- Connections on the Parkway, Inc.: Mayor Harley recognized Mrs. Lemons. Mrs. Lemons recognized Mayor, Council and several attendees and thanked them for allowing her to speak tonight. She asked everyone, have you ever thought how much sugar is in a 12 oz. coke can or 16 oz. bottle coke? This one little habit has a big impact on children and adults alike. One 12 oz. coke has 12 teaspoons of sugar and one 16 oz. coke contains 16 teaspoons of sugar. If you drink one coke a day for 365 days a year, you will consume 30 lbs. of sugar in just one year. Mrs. Lemons described a program that she is involved in at her facility (Connections on the Parkway). The program is called “Back to Basics” and teaches people about handling personal finances, using computers, healthy living and even

provides cooking lessons. Mrs. Lemons also reported that they (Connections on the Parkway) are the only urban farm in the area where vegetables are grown without soil. Connections on the Parkway is hosting an event consisting of a short program that will include a ribbon cutting, open house and photo opportunity. Mrs. Lemons is inviting dignitaries from Ft Valley State and U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as Centerville Police Department and Fire Department. The event will be held on September 24, 2016, 10am-2pm.

Councilman Armijo thanked Mrs. Lemons for the work she does in Centerville.

Ordinance Adoption 2016 Millage Rate: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the proposed ordinance for consideration. The proposed millage rate recommended is 11.972 for 2016 property taxes. Motion to adopt ordinance as written made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2016-8.

Adoption - Financial Policy-City Expenditures: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the policy. Councilman Armijo asked Mrs. Harrison who served on the committee. Mrs. Harrison reported the committee consisted of Police Chief Rodgers, Fire Chief Jones, Municipal Court Clerk Caldwell and Councilman Evans. Motion made by Councilman Wright to formally rescind all prior CC policies and approve the financial policy as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Councilman Armijo opposed. Motion carried.

Approval - CB&T Wire Transfer Services Agreement –General Fund Operating Account: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the agreement to Mayor Harley. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve the agreement authorizing Mayor Harley to sign CB & T wire transfer agreement; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Expenditure for Asbestos Abatement 103 Church Street: Director of Operations Brumfield provided a copy of the invoice for the abatement project cost. The company performing the removal and asbestos abatement had one open date in our area prior to this council meeting, therefore the job was done and paid for following the emergency purchase procedure. Mr. Brumfield did make contact with Councilman Armijo (who is over his department) and notified him of the asbestos abatement expenditure. Tonight's agenda item serves as the formal notification and Council approval for the emergency expenditure. Motion to approve made by Councilman Armijo for the expenditure total cost-\$1,250.00; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1, Councilman Andrews no comment.

Post 2, Councilman Wright recognized Police Chief Rodgers. Chief Rodgers recognized recently hired police officers and stated that they are in the 21st century policing. Chief Rodgers reported these officers were selected based on their understanding of the dynamics in this country. They will not stand by and watch individual's badger or crucify individuals based on their race. They are defenders and vowed to Mayor and Council that he will bring an agency that has a brand that will represent this city. Will abide by guidelines in this city and state. These individuals are here because of what we believe in this city – peoples' civil rights. Chief Rodgers recognized Sgt Jason Couch, Officer Anthony West, Officer Jeremy Mashuga, Officer Jonathan Simpson and Officer Delane Hill.

Post 3 Councilman Evans no comment.

Post 4, Councilman Armijo, thanked Mrs. Parker for coming forward and sharing her personal life story with everyone at the last meeting. Need to be aware of safety in neighborhoods, wish others felt the same way.

Executive Session -Land Acquisition & Potential Litigation & Personnel Matters: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to enter into executive session at 8:37pm; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 9:22 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date