

Council Work Session
February 17, 2015

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

Present – Mayor Harley, Councilmembers Wright, Edwards and Nichols. Absent – Councilman Andrews; City Clerk Bedingfield. Also present – Director of Operations Brumfield and City Attorney Tydings.

Invocation – Councilman Nichols
Pledge of Allegiance – Director of Operations Brumfield
Welcome Extended – Mayor Harley

Public Comments

NONE

Old Business

1. **Councilman Over Departments:** Mayor Harley – Referred to past discussion of having two Councilmembers over each dept. The secondary person would move to primary over department at the end of the year with the primary moving to another department. Motion by Councilman Nichols to discuss. Second by Councilman Tucker. Councilman Nichols indicated that his reason for supporting this structure is that a second set of eyes is good in any situation. Not a “two bosses” or “competition” scenario. A second set of ears and way of looking at things. Collaboration is good in Centerville between Mayor & Council and with staff. Thinks a second councilmember over department provides a sounding board for other councilmembers. Compared it to having his wife as someone to discuss things with at home. Department Heads would report to primary member and primary member would discuss with secondary who could also serve as a backup if primary member unavailable if an issue came up. Sees this as better – not a negative.

Councilman Tucker says he sees it as a way to facilitate more communication between Councilmembers. Compared it to a situation in his duties as a First Sergeant in the US Army Reserve where his successor has worked under him and is already familiar with the issues – provides continuity. The same would be true of having two Councilmembers over each department.

Motion by Councilman Nichols to vote on new structure. Seconded by Councilman Wright. Unanimous approval. Refer to reporting structure outlined by Councilman Tucker – attached to and made part of these minutes.

2. **Update-Fountain Project:** Councilman Tucker – has a PDF of the proposed fountain. Showed David Selby’s rendering of a fountain concept – bird’s eye view. Will be a memorial/honor of all branches of service. Councilman Tucker discussed with Mr. Selby to make all service medallions same size and include a large identifying emblem promoting the City of Centerville. Back side of fountain is flat – will possibly allow mall to place signage on back side of fountain – visible from mall. Waiting to hear from Chris

LaMack and Dante' Massaro on proposed fountain concept. Wants to honor military but main focus is on City – “it’s our fountain.” PDF will be sent by email from Councilman Tucker tomorrow – will be attached to and made a part of minutes. Need to develop this as a showpiece for the City. No action taken – point of information only.

Councilman Nichols mentioned that this project coincides with an idea put forth by his leadership class last year – pedestal with five branches of service recognized. Very nice fountain concept.

Councilman Tucker wants to see concept continued on and carried out/used in other areas of the City.

Councilman Nichols made a motion to add an item to the agenda as Item 8 under New Business – Police Department Smart Glasses technology. Motion seconded by Councilman Wright. Passed unanimously.

New Business

3. **Storm Water Implementation (Rich Greuel-Integrated Science Engineering):** Director of Operations Brumfield – Power Point presentation on City’s Storm water Utility. Step 1 & 2 are complete. Discussed steps 3 & 4 of process to implement storm water utility. Compliance with storm water regulations and reporting requirements – unfunded mandate in state law. Storm water utility will allow for imposition and collection of a user fee to all water/sewer customers to create a revenue stream for paying to manage storm water and associated infrastructure. Fee is based on impervious surface area of each property/structure within the city. Revenue from the fee is dedicated to storm water management only and cannot be used for other purposes. Flat fee for all single-family residential units. All others will be charged a custom rate (number of ERUs equivalent residential unit) based on the amount of impervious surface on the property. Councilman Nichols asked about impervious surface. Mr. Greuel said it is pavement, roofs of buildings, etc. Attached residential would also get a flat rate fee. Commercial would be ERUs based on amount of impervious surface. This is not a tax. It is a user fee. Credits are available based on mitigation factors on each property – i.e. CPD has a detention pond which mitigates the amount of demand on the City’s storm water management system. Billing rate (flat fee) would be \$4.25 initially and would remain stable for five years. Councilman Nichols asked what drives a future rate increase. Mr. Greuel said that might be due to increased costs or new regulations that require more expenditures. Councilman Nichols stated that he just wanted it to be clear that it wasn’t an arbitrary decision if the fee rises – an increase would be needs driven – such as a large rain or storm event that took out a major part of infrastructure that couldn’t be covered by the fees being collected. Director Brumfield asked who would be exempt from these fees. Mr. Greuel said no one is exempt and you don’t have to implement a storm utility but you might have to raise taxes to cover the costs. Director Brumfield clarified that he was asking who was exempt from the fee. Mr. Greuel said no one is exempt – even the City pays based on their impervious surface with credits for mitigating factors.

Mr. Greuel said the first two steps were largely the work of him, Director Brumfield and City Attorney Tydings. Now the work shifts to Council and staff to do public education – particularly to the big owners of impervious surface – give them a heads up so they can plan and prepare for the costs. Director Brumfield recommends having town hall meetings instead of stakeholder meetings to get the “interested public” in to teach them about what this is, what the fee is for, how it was determined and how the money will be spent. The public would be able to voice their opinion/wishes on how they think the money is best spent. Councilman Tucker likes the town hall meetings idea and wants to do the same thing to educate the public about future plans such as for the fountain project. Some discussion about whether people would come. Mr. Greuel told of a flood event in Fayetteville and how that brought people out to ask questions and ask for future planning for use of storm water fees. Some discussion about models and storm events and inches of rain per hour. Councilman Tucker spoke of flood event in Eagle Springs and calls to him about street flooding. System handled flooding water in about half an hour. Feels the education piece is of paramount importance for this to be successful. Mr. Greuel referred to map of the city’s vast pipe network underground – no one worries about this unless and until there is an event that is visible – such as a sinkhole. Councilman Tucker talked about rain water and his property. Mr. Greuel pointed out that Director Brumfield is responsible for keeping the drainage infrastructure clear and unclogged. Councilman Tucker mentioned landscapers and yard crews blowing trimmings and vegetation into storm drains. Mr. Greuel continued discussing how big the costs can be associated with this issue but stated that Centerville’s infrastructure is in relatively good shape compared to others because we have a lot of concrete versus metal pipe. Mr. Greuel said that there will be phone calls and angry people over an extra \$4.25 on their utility bill. City Attorney Tydings pointed out that the account holder will not be able to deduct the amount from their payment – will be treated the same as non-payment currently.

Director of Operations Brumfield recommended that the City carry out the town hall meeting/education process while the billing and ordinance process is being finalized. 4-9 month timeframe. Motion to adopt recommendation by Councilman Nichols and move forward; seconded by Councilman Wright; Director Brumfield pointed out that \$38,645 more costs to implement (modified Phase 3) - approximately \$40,000 to finish Phase 3. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Budget Preparation Calendar and Budget Sub-Committee Appointed: City Accountant Harrison –Calendar attached to and made a part of these minutes. City Accountant Harrison reviewed calendar. Motion to adopt calendar and establish date proposed budget to be submitted to council of May 5th and appoint budget subcommittee. Councilman Nichols made a motion to appoint himself and Councilman Tucker as budget subcommittee, to adopt calendar and to establish May 5th date. Seconded by Councilman Wright. Passed unanimously. City Attorney Tydings stated that she and Accountant Harrison reviewed legal requirements in developing calendar.

5. Point of Information-Confiscated Funds Expenditure- National Bank Products: Police Chief Andrews – note pads, pens, pencils, water bottles with CPD badge, logo on them to give to school children and visitors as educational items. Last purchase several years ago – renewing supply of items. \$2,968.32 total using confiscated funds. Councilman Nichols pointed out that these funds come from criminals and not from taxpayer dollars in the budget.
6. Update-GIS Mapping: Director of Operations Brumfield – short Power Point presentation – four different maps – 1. hydrant inspection map – Chief Jones working with MGRC on this – Chief Jones stated that spring hydrant inspection information will be shared with MGRC and they will add it to the interactive map and CAD system in fire truck and smart phones; example of information – flow rate of hydrants – Mayor asked if this was part of ISO rating factors – yes; all hydrants in city currently active; 2. Centerville Utility map – shows water and sewer lines, manholes, fire hydrants, water mains – can click on each item and get information about item such as property located on, etc.; 3. Storm water (MS4) – also has storm water inlets, outlets, piping; most manholes located, a few more still to be added to system; 4. Zoning Map – also added to web page.
7. Discussion- Driving Tour: Councilman Tucker – discussed possibility of not having a formal, traditional planning retreat as in past years. More of a focus on developing our downtown. 03/28 possibly head to Senoia (Walking Dead filmed there) but going to see their downtown development spend several hours and eat lunch and move on to Suwanee in evening – their amazing downtown developed from starting with a park. Thinks economic development is key for Centerville. Chose these two cities because they have developed economically without losing “who they are” and Suwanee has really exploded due to their development. Considered Smyrna – former downtown laid dormant for 20 years – a developer came in and built restaurants – but not really like Centerville – we can’t relate to Smyrna like we can the two smaller towns. Leave around 10, arrive in Senoia and have lunch about 11:30 and tour; leave together in a van – lots of discussion. Have dinner and continue discussion of ideas for Centerville, stay overnight. Tour Suwanee and head home right after lunch. Possibly reserve Monday morning for a short meeting with Department Heads about future planning and how it would impact their department. City Attorney Tydings sent emails to both cities asking for guidance on what to see and how they accomplished their development. She will follow up with phone calls to firm up tour plans. Mayor excited about this idea. Councilman Tucker says the purpose is to promote economic development in order to relieve some tax burden on residential property owners. Proposed dates March 28th & 29th. City staff to get costs for transportation, lodging, meals and bring information back to first meeting in March for approval. All of Council, Director Brumfield, City Attorney Tydings and City Clerk Bedingfield to accompany council on this trip.

NEW ITEM #8. Police Department Smart Glasses Technology: Councilman Nichols and Chief Andrews – Ferguson, MO incident has increased awareness of need for technology to prevent unanswered questions about law enforcement events. Chief Andrews recommends CopTrax/Stalker Smart Glasses instead of traditional body cameras. Acts as an extension to the

car's recording capabilities. Discussed how technology works and how it is activated under different scenarios. Storage – uploads to cloud storage automatically – facilitates chain of evidence preservation in addition to added protection of officers and citizens. Storage times follow state retention schedule with ability to customize how long recordings are saved. Vendor will come in and train PD personnel on Smart Glasses. Soon thereafter, Chief Andrews would do a council meeting presentation. Policy developed with Chief Andrews, Lieutenant Pritchett and City Attorney input. Vendor came to Chief with an offer for Smart Glasses - \$1,500.00 per pair. They chose two agencies nationwide to pilot the glasses – Centerville chosen and offered glasses at half price \$750.00 per pair if they pilot the glasses. Total cost for 12 pair of glasses with accessories and warranties - \$9,210.00. Pre-invoice attached to and made part of these minutes. Money is already available in this year's budget in CPD's machinery and equipment line item so no special approval necessary for the expenditure.

Councilman Nichols asked if body cameras were desirable. Chief Andrews said no because they don't interface with our CopTrax system. Councilman Tucker asked about items in the policy – specifically about whether the officer should have the technology activated at all times instead of having discretion. Councilman Tucker pointed out that glasses protect officers and citizens. Councilman Nichols asked who would have access to cloud-stored recordings. Policy states that the System Administrator (Lt. Pritchett) would control access. Councilman Tucker said that law-abiding folks have nothing to fear from this technology. Cloud storage 10 Gig is \$20.00 per month.

Comments from Council

Post 2 – NONE

Post 3 – Commended Mr. Larry Coy for his efforts on the Lions' Club Sweetheart Run. Great turnout. Mr. Coy used his own employees. Corporal from Ft. Benning came and ran the race and came in 11th. Had two folks in their 70's and 80's complete the 5k. A 10-year old ran the race and came in 13th. One man ran the 12k with his dog. Great day, beautiful day – great turnout. Raised \$3,500.00 for eyesight and hearing causes of the Centerville Lion's Club. Expressed appreciation to Mr. Coy, who was present at the meeting. Trophy presentation very inspiring. CPD and CFD helped with traffic and keeping runners safe. Mayor remarked on cold weather. Lion's Club barbeque coming up third Friday in March. 100% of profits go to help eyesight and hearing causes. Former Councilman Bob Smith charter member for 47 years. Perfect attendance.

Post 4 – three items – FBC spring single moms oil change March 20th 8:00 to 4:00. No cost to single moms. Average 150 cars but have had up to 220 cars. Encouraged people to tell about this event and invite people. Thanked Chief Jones for representing city at funeral of Macon firefighter killed in line of duty last week. Finally, taking Flint Energies series of four classes on Economic Development – today in Smarr, Georgia. Meeting was good and made Councilman Nichols reflect on how fortunate we are to have such good intergovernmental cooperation in our area. Got an accolade on Mike Brumfield while at the meeting today. We don't always agree but do work collaboratively with HoCo and WR and Perry for the best for our citizens and our

regions. Thanked Department Heads and fellow Council members and Mayor for working in this manner on behalf of the City.

Mayor – remarked about door-to-door water testing salesmen going around in the city last weekend. Mayor referred to city’s water quality report. Our water is tested by the state 10 times per month. Mayor proud of our great water quality

8. Executive Session (Personnel Matters): Mayor John R. Harley – Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.; returned from Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Motion by Councilman Wright, Councilman Tucker seconded. Unanimous approval.

9. Affidavit and Resolution: City Attorney Rebecca Tydings – Motion to adopt – Councilman Nichols made a motion to adopt the resolution; Councilman Wright seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor John R. Harley

Minutes prepared by:

ATTEST: City Attorney Tydings (in City Clerk Bedingfield’s absence)

Date