

## Council Work Session

October 21, 2014

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

Invocation given by Councilman Tucker.

Pledge of allegiance led by City Attorney Tydings

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman Edward Tucker, Councilman Jonathan Nichols and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent Councilman Andrews.

### Old Business

Policy Regarding Public/Council Comments Rules of Procedures and Decorum: Mayor Harley entertained motion to adopt policy as written. Motion made by Councilman Nichols to adopt policy as written; seconded by Councilman Tucker. Motion carried. Mayor Harley stated for the record that he had spoken with Councilman Andrews before meeting and Councilman Andrews supported the policy 100 percent.

### New Business

Firefighter of the Year: Fire Chief Jason Jones recognized Fire Fighter Austin Floyd and announced he has been chosen as the fire fighter of the year for 2014. Fire Fighter Floyd has been with the department since 2012. He has completed the following training; Fire Fighter-2 class, Apparatus Operator class and EMT. He also works part time with Houston County Fire Department and helps his father part time with a lawn care business. Councilman Tucker stated that this young man represents what is good about the Centerville Fire Department. Councilman Tucker also stated that this is indicative of the department leadership and what they expect which flows from the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. One reason that Firefighter Floyd he is outstanding is because it is expected of and required by his superiors (Chief Jones and Assistant Chief Bostick). Councilman Tucker stated that is an honor to be over the Fire Department. Chief Jones presented Fire fighter Floyd with plaque.

Presentation-Family Promise: Paul Shealy and Dave Razo present at meeting to discuss 2 things: family promise and upcoming event. Paul Shealy of greater Houston County started the organization locally to end homelessness in Middle Georgia and Houston County. There wasn't a local organization to take care of displaced families. This is a non-profit organization that works through the churches in this area, to aid and help families gets back on their feet. They need a hand not a handout. Mr. Shealy thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to speak and informed everyone that they operate solely on donations. Mr. Razo stated there is an upcoming event and

inviting political leaders, community leaders to come out and support Family Promise on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at MGTC and everyone will spend the night in their cars to experience homelessness first hand. There will be food and drinks provided.

Update 2014 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighted Christmas Parade: Captain Roger Hayes stated this is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. The Grand Marshal this year will be Miss Olivia McMillan- American's Miss Outstanding Teen. The theme will be "Christmas through a Child's Eyes". This year the entry fee will be a new toy. The City is partnering with the Georgia State Patrol and US Marine Corps in the "Toys for Tots" program. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Public Comments

None

Comments from Council

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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