

Regular Council Meeting

September 4, 2018

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

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley and recognized Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker, former Councilman Randall Wright and former Mayor Ronnie Brand.

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

Rules of Decorum: Mayor Harley went over the rules of decorum. When addressing the meeting please state your name and address. Do this clearly so that the City Clerk can understand you. Please do not speak unless recognized. Please do not interrupt other speakers. Please do not talk, whisper or otherwise disrupt the meeting or you will be asked to leave.

Public Comments

Geraldine Parker, 129 Ridge Bend Drive, inquiring about the Public Hearing and Proposed Ordinance-Rezoning 204 Gunn Rd, inquiring about the rezoning request and if it is for a veterinary clinic. Requesting a fence be built around the property to help alleviate issues from unsightly pet waste nearby neighboring properties such as the library and pharmacy.

Adoption of Minutes

- August 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting: Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Home Based Business- Chrisline – (owner: Caroline Horton, 104 Collinstown Ave): Councilman Andrews made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Public Hearing and Proposed Ordinance-Rezoning 204 Gunn Rd: Councilman Wright stated this is a request for rezoning 204 Gunn Rd. Director of Operations Brumfield reported applications were received for rezoning 204 Gunn Road. Planning and Zoning Board met this past Thursday, (4) members were present. Rezoning request was made for 204 Gunn Rd, currently C1 commercial requesting change to C2 commercial. A potential buyer plans to build a veterinary clinic on the property. No opponents were present at the meeting. Mr. Randall Wright, member of the Planning and Zoning Board reported the Board's recommendation to approve the rezoning request. Mr. Brumfield stated that the requirements in the code include fencing on the property. Mayor Harley closed the regular council meeting at 7:08pm and opened public hearing.

Proponent: Erin Kile, Real Estate SSK, has the property listed for sale. Ms. Kile stated that she the Eagle Springs Board of Directors have no opposition to and seem very welcoming of a veterinary hospital at the 204 Gunn Road location. Ms. Kile stated she feels this will be a good addition to the city.

No opponents.

Mayor Harley closed public hearing at 7:10pm and re-opened council meeting.

Councilman Wright made motion to adopt ordinance as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2018-4. Councilman Andrews asked if there was a proposed date to begin construction. Mrs. Kile reported that the closing is scheduled September 21, 2018. Dr. Dorough (applicant/veterinarian) stated that they are in the planning stages and would hope to start within the next year.

Debt Extinguishment –Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan-Sentry Oaks Sewer Project: Councilman Armijo deferred to City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison reported that the city has paid off its GEFA loan as of July 2018. \$608,571.00 was borrowed by the City in June 2011 to finance the construction of the Sentry Oaks Sewer Project. The original maturity date of the loan was 2031 (20-year term). Debt service on this loan was included on Centerville's project list for the 2012 SPLOST. The city saved an estimated \$ 165,000.00 in interest expense by paying this loan off early. The Enterprise Fund has no debt at this time.

Discussion 2018 Millage Rate Rollback: Councilman Andrews deferred to City Accountant Carol Harrison who provided a copy of a talking points document along with the form 32.1 showing how the proposed millage rate was calculated and the 32.1 includes a 5 year levy history. The Houston County Tax Digest roll back rate for the City of Centerville is 2018 is 11.971. This is a slight decrease from the 2017 millage rate of 11.972. Staff recommendation is to adopt the 2018 roll back rate as calculated at 11.971. Proposed adoption of ordinance 2018 millage rate will be at the September 18, 2018 Council Work Session.

Approval MOU Agreement & Designation of Signatory: Councilman Evans stated that he has spoken with Chief Hadden after reading the MOU. It is Councilman Evans' opinion that the City will save money and officer time off the road on patrol will decrease. Chief Hadden stated that he has been working on this with Houston County Chief Deputy Sheriff Rape. At their meeting, the following items were discussed: no booking/fingerprinting would have to be done at Centerville PD; Officers will take individuals directly to the jail and sign the County's booking slip and turn the arrestee over to the County. Chief stated this will save money and time. At a minimum it takes approximately an hour to complete the booking process, unless you there are multiple or unruly people in custody. Under those circumstances, the arresting officer then has to take another officer away from the road to assist with booking. City Attorney Tydings has reviewed the contract after requesting some changes and has no issues with the current version of the contract proposed for approval. Councilman Evans made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Andrews stated one traffic stop can change the course of events significantly in our city and believes this agreement will help get the arresting officer back into service quickly. Councilman Andrews stated we should have done this a long time ago, applaud the Police Department. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, none.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, reminders: Food truck Friday (September 7), Saturday (September 8) will be the next to the last opportunity this year to do goat yoga; stop by the farmers market - there is a lot going on in Center Park. Fall Festival, Saturday September 22, 2018 over 92 vendors will be participating.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, hope everyone had a great Labor Day and got some rest. “Go Dawgs”!

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, reminded everyone about the Georgia National Fair -October 4-14, 2018. Centerville Fire Department will be there with the fire safety trailer. Encourage all to come out and visit and thank them for their hard work.

Mayor Harley stated the fair is a great event. Also, informed everyone of upcoming September 11th ceremony; -4th annual remembrance event hosted by the Museum of Aviation at 8:30am. The Perry Courthouse will hold a prayer service event at noon. Encouraged everyone to please attend.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 7:30pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date