

Council Work Session  
February 21, 2017

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

Invocation given by City Attorney Tydings  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Hadden  
Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley

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.

Public Comments

Old Business

Ordinance Amendment – Penalty and Interest on Past Due Taxes: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of amended ordinance referencing delinquent property taxes. The terminology will change failure to pay timely ad valorem taxes. Mrs. Harrison briefly explained the reason for the change due to HB 960 re: delinquent property taxes, sections: 54-23 and 54-25. HB960 changes this interest calculation to .542% per-month, based on an annual calculation of the Federal Prime Rate (3.5%) plus 3%. This annual interest rate will change when the Federal Reserve announces the new bank prime loan rate each January. Seeking approval to adopt ordinance with amendments as drafted by City Attorney Tydings. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve ordinance with amendment; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. City Attorney stated that the language has been changed to mirror the state statute, therefore if changed in the future it will not be necessary to re-adopt or amend. See Ordinance 2017-2.

Motion made by Councilman Andrews to amend agenda and move item- Police Chief Position Appointment to item (3); seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

New Business

Discussion of 41NBC Skyview Mall Camera: Councilman Andrews stated that this has been discussed previously – consideration of placing a webcam at the Houston Galleria Mall; 41NBC will have it facing towards the Center Park. Councilman Andrews stated that the view is actually going to be better than he thought. Councilman Andrews also reported that Mrs. Harrison has also been in the discussion re: cost. In addition, City Attorney Tydings has been consulted regarding agreement. Councilman Andrews stated he likes the option of possibly moving the camera in the future to the Center Park. He also commended Director of Marketing & Economic Development Hogan on her enthusiasm she has for the park. Councilman Andrews did have a question “what role will the mall play in the process”? Mrs. Hogan stated the mall has been great, she has discussed with Jana Reeves (Mall Manager & Todd Bocelli 41NBC). Mrs. Hogan recommended approval of contract and place a 15 ft. pole to have a more direct site line to the park, also, splitting some cost for electricity. Looking at \$ 1250 per month will be split as \$ 6900 annually would be the cities portion. Mrs. Hogan wanted to bring this forward for discussion. Councilman Armijo asked cost associated if and when camera is moved to park.

Mrs. Hogan stated the city will absorb nothing, cost is solely absorbed by 41NBC. City Attorney Tydings stated that she was comfortable with the agreement, they install, move or pay for any damages. City Attorney Tydings stated we cannot not bind future Mayor and Council will have to get questions asked and report back to Mayor and Council.

Police Chief Position Appointment: Councilman Wright said this is an exciting day in Centerville, been without a Chief since September 2016, Captain Hadden has done a fantastic job. He has been with the city since 2007 and has always done a great job. Motion to appoint Captain Chuck Hadden to Chief of Police, salary \$ 63,000 effective today; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Chief Hadden sworn in officially by Mayor Harley. A copy of oath attached to minutes as official record and original placed in Chief Hadden's personnel file. Chief Hadden stated he is "honored" and thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

GMA's Cable and Telecommunications Management Services Contract: Mayor Harley recognized City Attorney Tydings. Mrs. Tydings reported that this year's budget already includes \$4,500.00 for the services. We are halfway through the fiscal year, so the cost would be prorated at \$3750. Seeking approval and authorizing Mayor Harley as signatory on contract. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Mrs. Tydings stated she will be working with GMA staff to update all ordinances re: telecommunication and franchise fees and will take full advantage of services that they offer. This contract entitles the City to the full range of telecommunications/cable/franchise services. Mayor Harley called for the vote. Motion carried.

Point of Information-Independence Day Celebration: City Clerk Bedingfield reported to all that the event is scheduled for Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. Mrs. Bedingfield stated that she will begin contacting vendors and setting up meetings with committee to begin preplanning of event. This is a budgeted event so this serves as a point of information. No motion or action taken.

Approval Budget Preparation Calendar FY 2018 and Appointment Budget Sub Committee: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the budget preparation calendar. Mrs. Harrison briefly went over the budget review. Looking for motion to adopt calendar and appoint sub-committee to work with Mrs. Harrison and Department Heads. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to appoint Councilman Wright and Councilman Armijo to sub-committee and approve FY 2018 budget preparation calendar; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Comp Time Policy Revision: Councilman Andrews made motion to table item for 2 weeks for further discussion (March 7 Regular Meeting); seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Funding - Public Works Utility Complex: City Accountant Harrison provided an updated schedule for review. Mrs. Harrison seeking clarification asking Mayor and Council "do we want to finance or do we want to possibly pay (cash) as we go with city funds with unrestricted net position Water & Sewer"? She provided an analysis with breakdown. City Attorney Tydings and Director of Operations Brumfield have been involved in discussions about paying cash instead of financing project. Motion made by Councilman Wright recommending paying as we

go; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Councilman Armijo asked Mrs. Harrison for her recommendation. She stated she would recommend, pay as you go, we would have to be particularly diligent as far as spending outside of the budget for the next year or 2 unless it was an emergency. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, congratulations Chief Hadden.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, echoed comments.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, “ditto”.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, congratulations Chief Hadden.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: Councilman Andrews made motion to enter into executive session at 5:43pm; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 6:21pm.

Affidavit and Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

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Mayor Pro Tem J. Micheal Evans

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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