

## Regular Council Meeting

February 7, 2017

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

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

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

### Public Comments

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

- January 3, 2017
- January 17, 2017 Council Work Session

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Personnel Announcement: Mayor Harley entertained motion to table item indefinitely. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Ordinance: Re-zoning 9.53 acres Collins Estates Subdivision: Mayor Harley entertained a motion to amend the agenda by removing Item #4. The motion includes accepting owner's withdrawal for the re-zoning application with the right to re-apply in the future without a mandatory waiting period. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Home Based Business License-J's Odds and Ends, 418 Hickory Glen (owner: James Sigmon): Councilman Andrews recognized Mr. Sigmon and made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Home Based Business License-CLM Janitorial Service, Inc. (owner: Crystal LaQuinta, 101 Northridge Drive): Councilman Wright made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Presentation: Verizon Mobile App Challenge- Thomson Middle School -Ms. McMillan: Mayor Harley recognized Ms. McMillan. Ms. McMillan reported that the technology team at Thomson Middle School won "Best" in State in the Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge! That means that the Thomson team's app concept is the best among all the middle school entries in Georgia. The team won \$5,000 and tablets for every team member! Now they are in the

running for the app challenge Fan Favorite award. To win, their concept needs to get the most votes. If the team wins the Fan Favorite award, they would get an additional \$15,000 for our school and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will work with the students to design the app and get it published on the mobile app market. The students would also win an all-expense paid trip to Orlando in June to attend the Technology conference and display their mobile app. Seeking support from the community to get the word out and getting citizens to vote. Ms. McMillan and the following students presented a power point about the upcoming challenge; Camden Kopsick, Brooklyn Bohannon, Carrington Colquitt, Donovan Duncan and Keilah Miles.

Inaugural Calendar of Events: Director of Marketing/ Economic Development Hogan stated she is excited to announce the inaugural calendar of events. Kick off will be April 1<sup>st</sup> “Everyday Hero’s in the Park”. Also, planning a farmer’s market, movie night and other events. In closing, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

SDS Resolution MGRC-Director of Public Administration- Greg Boike-: Mayor Harley recognized Greg Boike this is one of 2 resolutions relating to city meeting qualified status to continue receiving grants and funding. Motion to adopt made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Resolution 2017-2.

Comprehensive Plan Resolution-MGRC- Director of Public Administration Greg Boike: Mayor Harley recognized Greg Boike. Mr. Boike stated that he has been working on this the last couple of months with several members of city staff. This has been submitted and approved. The final step is the adoption of resolution. Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Resolution 2017-3.

Update Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance: City Attorney Tydings/ Director of Operations Brumfield provided a copy of ordinance for review. Mr. Brumfield reported that we (city) are required to update ordinance and seeking approval tonight. Mr. Brumfield stated that Mrs. Tydings had reviewed and revised the entire ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve ordinance as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2017-1.

Amendment Ordinance Sec. 54-25. - Interest rate: Mayor Harley entertained motion to table until the February 21, 2017 Work Session. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to table; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Point of Information Fire Department Picture Fund Donations: Fire Chief Jones stated he wanted to provide an update to Mayor and Council. The Fire Department has raised over \$8,300.00 this fiscal year with their picture fundraiser. Including these funds along with remaining funds from last year, currently have close to \$14,000.00. Westside Baptist Church has offered to donate to the Fire Department (2) 14ft x 50 ft. buildings. These buildings were once utilized by the church for classrooms for the school program. The department plans on utilizing these buildings at the training grounds and builds restrooms and command center. The other building confined fire simulator, estimated cost\$ 800.00. Going to build exterior stairwell on the training tower, will allow guys to train realistically, utilize some of the funds for materials. A couple other items, replacing lights on fire apparatus replace with LED lights, brighter and provide more visibility. Also, will have (2) new hires and will be purchasing Class A uniforms for them. In addition, purchase hats to go with uniforms for all full time staff. Chief Jones stated once these projects/ purchases are completed, unused funds would be utilized for the construction processes. If there are any remaining funds at the FY 2016-2017, they would be transferred to the account for the future purchase of a Fire Truck, which the city has allocated \$12,000 towards for the last few years.

Executive Session- Personnel Matters, Potential Litigation & Future Acquisition of Real Estate:  
Mayor Harley entertained motion to enter into executive at 7:27pm. Motion made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:38pm.

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

Comments from Council

POST 1 Councilman Andrews, no comment.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, reported to everyone, the compactors at the Recycling Center are being repaired. Expenditure will be paid from the Recycling Center. Also, stressed the need for volunteers to work recycling center.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, no comment

Post 4 Councilman Armijo stated he wanted to share something with everyone. Councilman Armijo stated he was eating at a local restaurant, waitress approached him, during this time some police officers came into the restaurant and Councilman Armijo thanked them for their service. The waitress asked him if he was a Councilman. When he said “yes”, she wanted to thank Mayor and Council for voting on the recent approval to purchase protective vests. He said she was very emotional and said “thank you, this will help protect and bring my husband home at night”. Councilman Armijo said this was very touching.

Mayor Harley reported to everyone that he is a Rotarian now and shared “Four Way Test”. These are things that we all can ask ourselves.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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