

Regular Council Meeting

January 3, 2017

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

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.

Pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Wright.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley, recognizing Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker and Centerville Municipal Court Judge Grube.

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

None

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

- December 6, 2016
- December 12, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- December 20, 2016 Council Work Session

Old Business

Point of Information / Update- Future Purchases of Plate Carriers (Hard Armor) and Patrol Rifles for the Police Department: Councilman Wright reminded everyone of discussion from the December 20, 2016 council meeting. Proceeding to move forward with purchase. Councilman Wright recognized Lt. Montford. Lt. Montford provided (2) quotes to Mayor and Council for review and confirmed funds are available in budget. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve expenditure; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

New Business

2017 Municipal Court Appointments: City Attorney Tydings reminded everyone that she and Greg Bell do not need to be reappointed, they are appointed by ordinance, which remains in effect unless and until an amendment is adopted. All individuals listed below have all agreed to serve for 2017. Motion made to approve 2017 Municipal Court Appointments; seconded Andrews. Motion carried.

- Municipal Court Judge – Jeff Grube
- Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem – Carl Veline
- Municipal Court Assistant Prosecutor – Greg H. Bell
- Municipal Court Public Defender – Clarence Williams
- Municipal Court Assistant Prosecutor – Jocelyn Daniell
- Municipal Court Assistant Public Defender – Duncan Munn

Point of information-Eagle Scout Project Progress in the Park: Director of Marketing Kate Hogan introduced William Van Der Water. Mrs. Hogan reminded everyone of the park cleanup day (December 27, 2016). William Van Der Water provided a brief summary re: debris and trees that were removed. Mrs. Hogan reported the boy scouts worked a full 10 hour day and filled a roll off container collectively with an acre's area of work.

Adoption Social Media Policy: Director of Marketing/ Economic Development Kate Hogan stated that the policy is not to determine what employees can or cannot do, only what the city would like to portray. Mrs. Tydings has reviewed the policy and some revisions were made prior to being submitted for approval. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve policy as written; seconded Armijo. Motion carried. A copy of policy is attached and made part of official minutes.

Councilman Armijo asked if this policy will be included in the personnel manual. City Attorney Tydings stated it will be attached with the minutes and will be reviewed periodically. Mrs. Hogan stated this will be a living document, subject to change as technology and experience requires.

Qualifying Fees November 7, 2017 Municipal General Election- Mayor , Post 1 & Post 2 Council Seats: City Clerk Bedingfield reported the qualifying fee has to be set no later than February 1 of the year in which the election will be held and a notice has to be placed in the legal organ of the county-Houston Home Journal. Seeking approval tonight to set the qualifying fee at 3% for the total gross salary for Mayor (\$180.00), Councilman seats Post 1 & Post 2 (\$108.00). Qualifying will be held in August. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1, Councilman Andrews, congratulated William Van Der Water for his hard work, proud of him.

Post 2, Councilman Wright, no comment

Post 3, Councilman Evans, stated that he hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Post 4, Councilman Armijo, thanked Troop 400 and William Van Der Water. Councilman Armijo stated that he too is an eagle scout.

Mayor Harley stated that there was a complaint about "possums in the city". Wish he could do something but not really anything he/they can do. Hope everyone had great New Years with family.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Date

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield