

Regular Council Meeting
May 2, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 7:05pm.

Invocation given by Mayor John R. Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Thomson Middle School student-Kayla Poole.

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 Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

None

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

- April 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- April 18, 2017 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Georgia Cities Week Events Report and Essay Contest Winners: Mayor Harley reported that the City of Centerville recognized Georgia Cities Week and participated in the following activities along with other GMA member cities statewide: clean-up day headed up by Councilman Wright - the city collected 37.8 tons of garbage; an online scavenger hunt hosted by Kate Hogan, Centerville Director of Marketing and Economic Development; and an “If I were Mayor, I would . . .” essay contest for Thomson Middle School 6th graders. Centerville also adopted a resolution recognizing 2017 GMA Georgia Cities Week. Ms. Sarah Colburn won the scavenger hunt and was presented with a small gift from the City of Centerville this week.

Tonight, City recognized first, second and third place essay contest winners who participated in the meeting as follows: Aunesty Edmond gaveled in the meeting, Kayla Poole lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Kamil Williams gaveled out the meeting. All three of these exceptional students wrote an essay detailing what they would do “If they were Mayor for a day”.

Some comments included were:

- Cultural Face-Lift – working on Center Park and Community Events
- Hard Working Police Staff – Mayor remarked that the City certainly has that right now with Promotion of Chief Hadden
- More money into Fire Stations – Chief Jones, I know that is music to your ears.

Also, recognized the Principal of Thomson Middle School Dr. Walter Stephens for being an incredible community partner and helping us with the Essay Contest.

Dr. Stephens thanked Mayor and Council for inviting them to participate. Also, reported that the students had just finished testing this week and applauded them for their hard work in taking time to write the essays during such a busy time at school. In closing, both Dr. Stephens and Mayor Harley thanked the parents/ grandparents for their attending at the Council meeting in support of their children.

FY 2017 Commitment of General Fund - Fund Balance -Purchase of Ladder Truck for Fire Department: City Accountant Harrison provided a summary of the proposal. Motion to approve made by Councilman Andrews; seconded by Councilman Wright. Mayor Harley asked Mrs. Harrison what the total will be if approved tonight. Mrs. Harrison confirmed \$ 65, 796.00. Councilman Andrews mentioned that the 2018 SPLOST has also committed \$ 500,000.00 for the ladder truck. Chief Jones stated this would be about 3 years after the new station is constructed. Will need a new place to house the ladder truck. Mayor Harley stated that the commitment is for this year only. Mrs. Harrison mentioned that in the future if there is an excess in the budget, Mayor and Council could commit more funding.

Comments from Council

Councilman Andrews Post 1, congratulated the students on their hard work during testing week to submit essays. Councilman Andrews briefly spoke about his time at Thomson Middle School as Assistant Principal. Currently serves as Assistant Principal at another middle school. Councilman Andrews stated that we like to see our students doing well.

Councilman Wright Post 2, reported to everyone that the budget committee has completed the budget process for this year and it will be presented at regular council meeting. Placing it back in the City Accountant's (Mrs. Harrison) hands.

Councilman Evans Post 2, thanked the budget committee and everyone involved in the process and thanked all attendees.

Councilman Armijo Post 3, congratulated the (3) Thomson Middle School students. Complimented Fire Chief Jones for the donation back to the city, very admirable.

Mayor Harley reported that he had the opportunity to speak to doctors and other cancer survivors at Emory Hospital. They mentioned (3) things that help survivors get through situation: support from family, friends and prayer chain.

Executive Session- Personnel Matters: Motion made by Councilman Evans to enter into executive session at 7:22pm; seconded by Councilman Armijo at 7:22pm. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:10pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: Motion made by Councilman Evans 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.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 8:12pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date