

Regular Council Meeting

November 7, 2017

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

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.

Pledge of Allegiance led 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.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley, recognizing Houston County Commissioner Jay Walker.

Mayor Harley reminded everyone, no talking during council meeting, will be asked to leave if necessary, distracts the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Harley reported that the Affordable Housing application was not funded by DCA, so neither project will be built.

Public Comments

Dee Allison, 810 Carl Vinson, Centerville, Ga, - Humane Society of Houston County: Reported they are a 501- 3C non-profit organization, that is comprised of volunteers. Volunteers come in to feed, house, clean and care for the animals. The Humane Society operates on an unknown budget. The Humane Society started out in 2008 as a foster base. Have exceeded the number of animals through the years. At any given time can have 40 animals at a time, not enough volunteers to take on animals, this is daily or weekly dilemma that we have to turn away animals. Would like the local entities to support program: spay and neuter, catch and release - spay and neuter-feral cats, this program does work. Mrs. Allison requesting the city implement some guidelines to help in the county. Would like to start here in Centerville. Mayor Harley stated they will take this under consideration. Councilman Armijo asked if they are interested in receiving carriers? Mrs. Allison stated they are currently "ok" with having enough carriers on hand at this time.

Mayor Harley referenced an inquiry that had been received earlier this week re: agenda time frame and notice to public- allowing at least 2 weeks. Mayor Harley stated that we try and put out an agenda at least 24-36 hours that is complete to avoid minimal changes. The city is in compliance with the state regulations.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt minutes with one amendment for October 3, 2017 minutes, add language- Councilman Wright was present; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- October 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- October 17, 2017 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

City Coin Presentation-Tyler Adsit: Councilman Armijo introduced the 448th Supply Chain Management Wing Robins All Employee Committee; Chairman Tyler Adsit, Co - Chairman Matt Dobbins. On October 27th the Employee Committee hosted a food drive at Robins AFB yielding 600 cans of food that was donated to the First United Methodist Church of Centerville. The First United Methodist Church Food Bank mission supports those families that qualify for food donations in and around Centerville. They are always open for non-perishable donations.

Mr. John and Mrs. Donna Nichols are the Food Bank Coordinators supporting the local Mission Committee at the First United Methodist Church of Centerville 600 N Houston Lake Blvd.

Mayor Harley presented coins to Mr. Dobbins and Mr. Adsit, stating he appreciated what they did for the church and the community.

Reverend Anthony McPhail, Senior Pastor at Centerville United Methodist, thanked them and commented that this is what the church does - reach out to the needy in the community. Truly a blessing.

Point of Information: Centerville's *First Annual* Fall Festival Councilman Evans reported that we had our first Fall Festival on Saturday October 28, 2017. A lot of hard work went into the festival. A total of (43) employees helped make this event happen, the entire Police Department and Fire Department s well as most of Public Works, this was truly a team effort. We had a total of (73) vendors ranging from arts and crafts to local churches looking to get more involved. We also had (3) incredible bands: The Delta Moan, Ginger Brown and Blues Berry Jam. All of this was made possible by our Sponsor I Heart Media who advertised the event on 96.5 The Bull and 97.9 WIBB. We had an incredible turn out at approximately 2,500 visitors to Center Park. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed their time that Saturday. We are excited also to announce this will become an annual event and 2018's Fall Festival will be on September 22, 2018.

Mayor Harley recognized former Mayor Ronnie Brand and Councilman elect Justin Wright.

Resolution to Add Membership in GIRMA Fund B/Firefighter Cancer Coverage Application and Participation Agreement: Councilman Andrews recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison reminded everyone that HB 146 passed, mandating the city to provide cancer coverage for the firefighters. The City received quotes from GIRMA, who selected The Hartford as the provider of this coverage. The City has to pass a resolution to provide a Fund B for the cancer insurance. There is an Appendix A. Motion made by Councilman Wright to become a member of the Fund B; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. The application and participation agreement define the roles of all parties. Motion made by Councilman Andrews authorizing mayor to sign and authorize agreement; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Mrs. Harrison reported that we budgeted \$4,500 for the premium, the actual cost will about \$2,875, which is under budget.

Approval /Signature to Close Out Old Certificates of Deposit and Roll Funds into New CD's: Councilman Andrews/City Accountant Harrison – the City had (2) 90-day term CDs maturing in October. Interest rate 1.05 % - the suggestion is to roll over from the old CDs into new, 19-month CDs. Seeking motion to close out old certificates of deposit and roll funds into new certificates of deposits. Motion made by Councilman Andrews; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Point of Information-Town Hall Meeting-DCA-November 13, 2017: Council Armijo made motion to cancel November 13, 2017 Town Hall meeting; seconded By Councilman Wright. Mayor Harley stated that the primary purpose was to explain the DCA Tax Credit application process and how it applied to the projects proposed for location in Centerville. Since the projects were not funded, the meeting would not take place. Councilman Armijo, reported that there is a local point of contact with DCA on this issue and that question could be asked on an individual basis from this point further. Mayor Harley called for the vote. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, the activity (Fall Festival) in the park was well attended. The activities that are done in the park are very well supported. Veterans Day is coming, asked if there are any veterans in the crowd, and if so, would they please stand and be recognized, thanked them for their service and contributions.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, thanks to all who was involved in the Fall Festival for their time and effort for making it a success. Thanked the veterans, service men and women, who do this because we all love our country.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, no comment.

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, no comment.

Executive Session Potential Pending Litigation & Personnel Matters: Councilman Evans made motion to enter into executive session at 7:29pm; seconded By Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council meeting reconvened at 9:37pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Micheal Evans

Date

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield