

Regular Council Meeting

December 5, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilman J. Micheal Evans at 7:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of allegiance led by Middle Georgia Young Marines

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilman J. Micheal Evans.

Present were Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent: Mayor John R. Harley, out of town-Washington, D. C.

Presentation to Councilman Wright, Post 2- Mayor Pro Tem Evans, stated Councilman Wright has been a fixture in the city, has always been a voice of reason. Ran a good clean race in 2014 against Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans read plaque and presented to Councilman Wright. Also, read letter from Mayor Harley, appreciation of service, proud to serve closely with and that Councilman Wright is a definition of “city of ethics”. Councilman Armijo stated it has been a pleasure and honor to serve with you. A lot of history with the city, presented Councilman Wright with a “key” to the city. Councilman Andrews stated he is nervous about January when Councilman Wright retires Post 2 seat, adding that seniority is being handed to him. Councilman Andrews spoke about Mrs. Cheryl Wright (spouse), stating there are several nights we (council) go home and need to vent to spouse; couldn’t do this without their support. Love him and appreciate all that he has done. Councilman Andrews informed all that his son has been making furniture for the last couple of years and got him interested in wood making. Councilman Andrews presented a cutting board with “Wright” engraved for Mrs. Cheryl Wright.

Councilman Wright stated it has been a great honor to have served the City of Centerville. First ran in 1988, had one fireman with volunteers, over the years have served with (5) mayors and (10) different councilmembers, stressed vote your conscious, be your own person. The first Mayor he served with stated that you may not agree with each other but always discuss in the back room and then come out in front and be unified. An honor and pleasure to serve, only live a few blocks away. Will be in close proximity. The staff is the backbone to the city, no hesitation when they are asked to do as Council makes request, do a great job, will miss each of them.

Public Comments: Mayor Pro Tem Evans explained to audience the decorum of public comments. Please come up to the podium, state your name, and address for the record, you will have a time limit- 3 minutes, and comment must be re: item on the agenda.

Construction Issues/ Concerns- Collins Town Estates-Jay Taylor, 403 Collins Estate Avenue: Mr. Taylor stated that he is here tonight re: nuisance-noise, currently live in Collins Town, issues aren’t the houses currently being built, it’s the noise, construction late at night. Stated that currently one builder has a court order, restricting construction from sun up from sun down. This order hasn’t been successful, presented pictures. Realize we have to have growth, not opposed, it has trickled down to Mr. Tritt (Tritt Construction), turned up video with

construction noise for all to hear. Looking for relief and resolution. Stated that Mike and he are on a first name basis, Becky and Krista have been gracious and have helped him to go on the right path to find resolution. Recommending to Mayor and Council to draft ordinance.

Susan Lemme, 219 Mason Drive, has lived here (Centerville) and watched it grow and improve but also watched loss. The city has lost (6) ball parks-construction of city hall and jail be built; watched the growing pains. There are bad drainage issues, growth and seeking better things, call this an ethical city, people involved in the growth are people who have lived here for years, built a Fire Department, spoke about the Fire Department property, affordable and realistic, before we erase the past, not saying that the park is not a good idea, or condemnation, people have contributed over 55 years, need to make sure infrastructure can support changes before we go for the bright shiny things.

Attorneys, Amy Griffith Dever and C. Brian Jarrard, represent Mrs. Mason the owner of the property that is the subject of the eminent domain resolution tonight, speaking on her behalf. A letter was presented to Mayor and Council-Notice of Meeting to Consider the Exercise of Eminent Domain. Mrs. Dever stated that Mrs. Mason is asking for fairness, adequate and just. The Masons were some of the original founders, put their stock in Centerville, good faith and judgement. Mrs. Dever time of 3 minutes expired and partner Mr. Jarrard finished reading statement. A copy of letter and statement attached and made part of official minutes.

C. Brian Jarrard, the city paid high price for Mr. Rape's property yet the city now expects Mrs. Mason to bear the brunt of the cost of this project. It's one thing to have a great idea for the community, it's another thing to ask a beloved and respected senior citizen who has served this community with dignity and pride to pay for the city's park out of her life savings. Urging pump, the brakes on the decision tonight. There is no reason to proceed on this resolution. A copy of letter and statement attached and made part of official minutes.

Diane Holly, 319 N Houston Lake Blvd, wondering if this is done to Mrs. Mason, will do this to anyone, if you do this, not a city of ethics. Why is the city different, you want to build a park? If you condemn this property, if you do this, will break my heart.

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

- November 7, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- November 21, 2017 Council Work Session

Old Business

New Business

Councilman Armijo made motion to add item to agenda: Ordinance Amendment to Nuisance Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Middle Georgia Young Marines-Proclamation Red Ribbon Week –Unit Commander James “Gunny” Berres: Councilman Evans read proclamation and presented to Unit Commander James “Gunny” Berres.

Centerville United Methodist Church “Christmas Bears”-John Nichols: Councilman Evans recognized John Nichols, here on behalf of CUMC . Mr. Nichols wife created the project at the church, gathering bears and dressing them. The count as of last Sunday- 175, blessing of the Bears, Fire and Police Department attended the ceremony. Mr. Nichols, commended the department and stated they will make sure the bears go into the hands of the needy children for Christmas.

Resolution of Condemnation - 6.29 acres privately held real property – for Public Use: Councilman Andrews made motion to approve resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Resolution 2017-11.

Tian Foss, Family Connection, for Annual Report 2017 and HoCo-Opoly: Councilman Evans recognized Tian Foss, asked Chief Hadden and Chief Jones to come up front to be recognized. Mr. Foss talked about Teen Maze, commitment and support to the program, help out the community, go above and beyond, and officially recognized them for what they do. Look at the data what they can do to collectively, provided a handout. Pilot program first fund raiser done for family connection for families in Houston county, all purchased a space on monopoly board game, selling these to raise money. Board game presented to Fire and Police Department.

Discussion/Approval 2018 LMIG Application and List of Roads to Be Resurface: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield provided list of roads for LMIG project, looking for approval of list of roads and authorizing Mayor Pro Tem Evans to sign application so it can be submitted. Motion to approve made by Councilman Andrews; seconded by Councilman Wright. Councilman Andrews thanked Mr. Brumfield for all he does, we are able to pave a lot of roads through this program. Mr. Brumfield recognized Houston County for their assistance. Motion carried.

Axon Fleet System Quote: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Hadden. Chief Hadden requesting approval to enter into a contract authorizing himself and Mayor Harley to sign contract. Mrs. Tydings has reviewed agreement and requested some revisions. This is a budgeted item. Motion to approve made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment Nuisance Ordinance: Councilman Armijo read new amendment to ordinance. Chapter 34, Article III is amended by adding Section 34-62, which shall read as follows:

Section 34-62. Construction Noise.

Any construction noise that generates loud noise that emanates from the subject property and that is audible at the property line of any building or dwelling on the property from which the noise emanates shall not be performed before 7:00 a.m. nor after 7:00 p.m. on any day of the week, Sunday through Saturday. This Section applies to any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area, including business areas as well as public streets and sidewalks.

Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2017-6.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, a lot of good things going on at the recycling center.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, informed every one of the Recycling Center hours of operation: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am-1pm.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, stated grand-daughter and wife enjoyed the parade. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, mentioned the parade, a lot of positive comments, a lot of people came and the community come out and there is a positive. Hats off to the staff and for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilman Evans adjourned meeting at 8:30.

Mayor Pro Tem/ Councilman J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date