

Regular Council Meeting
February 6, 2018

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout A J Moore Troop 400.

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

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward 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 Andrews. Motion carried.

- January 2, 2018
- January 16, 2018- Special Council Meeting
- January 16, 2018-Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Audit Presentation FY 2017-Nichols, Cauley & Associates -Beth Tabor –Mayor Harley recognized Beth Tabor. Mrs. Tabor stated that a clean financial opinion was given to the city for FY 2017. No issues were noted nor material comments with audit. Mrs. Tabor briefly highlighted certain areas of the audit. Mrs. Tabor thanked City Accountant Harrison for her assistance and commended staff on their careful management of departmental budgets. Also thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to provide their audit services. Councilman Armijo thanked Nichols, Cauley & Associates for a thorough audit and Mrs. Harrison for her hard work. Mrs. Tabor stated that is a pleasure to work with Mrs. Harrison who is very knowledgeable. No motion or action taken.

Executive Session- Potential and Pending Litigation: Councilman Andrews made motion to enter into executive session at 7:15pm; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 7:47pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt resolution; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. Affidavit executed

by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Point of Information-Police Department-Leads on Line: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Hadden. Chief Hadden reported that this is a budgeted item and that he is seeking approval to sign the agreement on behalf of the PD/City. Copy of “Leads on Line” agreement provided to Mayor and Council for review. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to authorize Chief Hadden to sign agreement; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans asked if the PD will use the same company for this service again next fiscal year. Chief Hadden stated they will be assessing the expanded service and at this point, they do plan to continue using the product and will budget accordingly in the next fiscal year. Mayor added that the City Attorney has reviewed the contract and sees no issues. Motion carried.

Presentation-Educational Award Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Evans, and Councilman Edward Armijo: Councilman Andrews stated that, beginning in 1989, that state law required that all elected officials attend newly elected officials training. GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) and CVIOG (the Carl Vinson Institute of Government) partner to provide the training to newly elected officials & also partner to provide continuing education training to all elected officials. Councilman Wright attended training at Mayor’s Day and will be taking newly elected officials training next week February 16-17, 2018. GMA provides several levels of training with certificates awarded for completion of the components of each level. See below.

Certificate of Recognition

Requires 42 hours of training, including at least 18 hours from the required list and the Newly Elected Officials Institute.

Certificate of Achievement

Requires 72 hours of training, including at least 36 hours from the required list and the Newly Elected Officials Institute.

Certificate of Excellence

Requires 120 hours of training, including at least 54 hours from the required list, the Newly Elected Officials Institute and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute.

Certificate of Distinction

Requires 204 hours of training, including at least 72 hours from the required list, the Newly Elected Officials Institute, and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute.

Certificate of Dedication

Requires 276 hours of training, including at least 108 hours from the required list, 18 hours of which must be from a new Advanced Leadership track, and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute. After obtaining the Certificate of Dedication, officials must complete nine hours of continuing education each year to maintain the certificate.

GMA’s Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute offers a wide variety of training on municipal matters. The Certificate of Dedication is the highest level of achievement in training,

offering 276 hours of training and the Robert E. Knox Leadership Institute. The Knox Institute, named in honor Mayor of Thomson, Robert E. Knox, is a very intense course that enhances leadership skills with a focus on how elected officials serve constituents in community. Councilman Andrews recognized Mayor Harley, who received the Certificate of Dedication at the Mayors' Day Conference in Atlanta. Councilman Evans and Councilman Armijo were also recognized for completing the Robert E. Knox Leadership Institute. Councilman Andrews also recognized Councilman Evans, who received the Certificate of Excellence training award.

Announcement - 2018 Park Calendar of Events: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Marketing & Economic Development Kate Hogan. Mrs. Hogan stated that she is excited to announce this year's calendar of events. The calendar features more than 40 events. The events calendar will go live this evening at 7:30pm on Facebook. Director Hogan thanked everyone for their continued support. Councilman Evans stated that he is looking forward to all of the events. Mayor Harley thanked everyone for their part in planning and carrying out the event calendar.

Discussion –Planning Retreat Reschedule Date: Councilman Wright reported that the planning retreat (unfortunately) had to be canceled. He wants to go ahead and reschedule - better sooner than later. He doesn't want to wait 6 months. Mayor Harley recommended Spring break, which is the last week of March. Mayor Harley proposed to decide on and announce a new date at the next council meeting, which will be the February 20, 2018 Council Work Session.

Discussion- Funding Center Park: Councilman Evans made a motion to table this item until further notice; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, thanked City Accountant Harrison for doing a good job, not only with the audit, but all year. He stated that he like that the auditor and audit mentioned that the city has "more revenue less expenditures". Also, Councilman Andrews noted that the Storm Water Department was created due to requirements of the Georgia General Assembly that local governments manage storm water in accordance with the law. Storm water fees are used to fund budget allocations to cover improvements, repairs and other aspects of storm water infrastructure management. The City of Centerville's existence dates back to 1958 - things wear out over time (infrastructure). Councilman Andrews stressed that everyone does an excellent job and is being a good steward of city money.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, stated that he likes to catch people doing something good. Mentioned that his wife who is a teacher, had to substitute in another teacher's class room. Mrs. Wright noticed there was a student writing about the second amendment which included comments about his step dad. Mrs. Wright spoke with the young man and he told her that his step dad was more like his real dad and how he admired him. Councilman Wright informed all that his step dad was Chief Hadden. Chief Hadden expressed sincere appreciation for the kind words and recognition.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, stated that all staff work well within their budget. Thanked all Department Heads for doing a good job.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, stated that he respected City Accountant Harrison for what she does and for her opinion. He mentioned the recent shooting at Barberitos, noting Centerville Police Department's strong law enforcement connection with Warner Robins Police Department and Houston County Sheriff's Department to aid in capturing the suspect. Councilman Armijo

stated that the City has a great Police force and working relationship with county. He attended a press briefing recently and was there to support the Warner Robins Police Department/ City of Warner Robins. He indicated his “hats off” to the PD for working the case.

Mayor Harley, stated that he and Chief Hadden met with other business entities to see what they could do to help with recent incidents and deter future ones. Several businesses raised funds for Crime Stoppers. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to all of the officers for their hard work. The Mayor noted that it is an interesting life, referring to all service members, and mentioned that Chief Jones and Lt Chad Kahley are in Atlanta being sworn in as city Fire Marshals for the City of Centerville. Everyone’s goal is to make the city as safe as possible.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: Councilman Andrews made motion to enter into executive session at 8:12pm; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:29pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date