

Regular Council Meeting

May 1, 2018

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

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Marketing/Economic Development Kate Hogan.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron Andrews, Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Tydings.

Mayor Harley mentioned the incident that happened over the weekend- Friday/ Saturday. Police officer is doing well, other officers involved are heroes, called for assistance, great brotherhood and family. A lot of people are mentally impacted by incident. Please keep all involved in your prayers and when you see them thank them for their service.

Public Comments

None

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

- April 3, 2018
- April 17, 2018 Council Work Session

Old Business

Discussion/ Adoption K 9 Policy: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Hadden. Reminded everyone about the proposed policy he present to Mayor and Council for review at the last meeting. Seeking approval tonight from Mayor and Council. Motion to approve made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

New Business

Point of Information – FY 2019 Department Head Budget Requests submitted by Budget Subcommittee to Governing Authority: Councilman Evans informed everyone that the budget subcommittee met with Department Heads. This is the current proposal stated Councilman Wright. Councilman Andrews thanked Councilman Evans and Councilman Wright for serving on the committee and setting out the frame work. Councilman Armijo thanked them for reaching out and providing information to him and working together. No motion or action taken.

Approval of Purchase Zero Turn Mower and Utility Trailer for Water & Sewer Department: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield provided a copy of (2) quotes to purchase a zero-turn mower and a trailer. Cost of mower is \$9,107.60 from low bidder Power House Outdoor Equipment and cost of trailer is \$4,250.00 from low bidder,

Mobile Space Sales and Rentals, LLC. Funds are available in the current fiscal year budget, requesting approval tonight for expenditure. Motion made to approve expenditure by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Point of Information/ Introduction-K9 Officers Simpson & Bono: Councilman Armijo recognized Chief Hadden. Chief Hadden stated that Officer Simpson has been with the Centerville Police Department for 2 years and has been a law enforcement officer for 5 1/2 years. Officer Simpson had previously worked at Rincon PD and Savannah State University where he also served as a K-9 Officer. Officer Simpson's K-9 partner is Bono. Bono is a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois. Officer Simpson and Bono began their K-9 partnership and training in September 2017. Bono is considered a dual-purpose K-9 and is trained in apprehension, narcotics and tracking. Their first day on the road as a Certified K-9 Team was October 31, 2017. Since their time together have made many arrests and seizures, including: 12 misdemeanor drug arrests, 4 felony drug arrests, 3 stolen firearms, and 2 car seizures. Their biggest drug arrest thus far resulted in seizure of 7 oz. of marijuana, 15 grams of methamphetamine, 21 grams of cocaine, 360 MDMA pills, 1 stolen gun, 1 seized car and \$ 5,000 in cash. During their time together Officer Simpson and Bono have carried out over 45 deployments including assisting with apprehension of suspects in robberies, burglaries, 1 non-physical apprehension and 9 agency assists. Chief Hadden commended Officer Simpson for his hard work and his diligence. Officer Simpson and K-9 Bono are a great asset to the department and city. Officer Simpson gave a small demonstration of him and Bono's teamwork.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, a difficult weekend, command staff going non-stop, 40-50 hours without sleep. Have never seen a police officer shed a tear, really showed their true character, and showed how much they care for each other. God was good to us, his hand was evident, appreciates their sacrifice they make. Have seen video of the K-9 dog, one bad police officer, and well trained, just based on forfeitures, and the dog has paid for himself.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, commended the officers. We did not see the worst on Friday, saw the best, extremely proud of Police and Fire Departments. Thankful for all agencies, very impressive. This individual had complete willful disregard for life. Appreciates the command staff and officers for keeping everyone safe.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, 'ditto' on the prior councilman comments. Thanked the police officers for their service, dedication and willingness to put themselves on the line. Reminders for upcoming events: Food truck Friday, Saturday-yoga in the park and farmers market. Encouraged everyone to come out and be a part and enjoy the events.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, reminded everyone that he is the councilman over the Police Department, once he received the phone call on Friday, he couldn't believe what was happening and he went to the scene. Very proud of our team of professionals, thank God for the training. Saw Police and Fire working in conjunction with each other. Various agencies, Peach, Warner Robins, Bibb, Byron. Stated he could hear the gunfire. He kept in communication via text and phone with Mayor Harley, Councilman Andrews, and Councilman Wright while they were at the hospital with Officer Mashuga. Stayed on scene until 4 am. Thanked everyone. Leadership was impeccable, Chief Hadden and Chief Jones. Mashuga is recovering well. God bless everyone and all of the First Responders.

Mayor Harley, Fire Department were also on scene, appreciate them being on scene to provide first aide. Sheriff Talton was also on scene all night, shows real leadership. Talked with Director of GOHS Highway Safety, led group of all officers from Cochran to scene.

City Attorney Tydings, stated that the City would be remiss not to recognize the efforts of Corporal Mashuga's partner, Officer Tyler Willcox, who was the first to render aid, showed calmness and heroism during the situation. It should be said that Officer Willcox was very much a "hero" that night.

Councilman Andrews, once Willcox made sure that Mashuga was ok and got into ambulance, Willcox went to back to work on scene. Showed a huge amount of integrity and character.

Mayor Harley, also mentioned that a new entity has relocated in Centerville (Hodac building) called Family Promise. This entity is located in Centerville, does a wonderful job for homeless in the area. Councilman Wright reported that he is on the board for another organization, adding that it was a blow to lose HODAC but Family Promise will step in and will be a great asset for the city.

Councilman Armijo, stated that there is a group donating food to fill the pantry for Family Promise.

Mayor Harley, stated that he had spoken with GBI agent on the scene and they said that they have never seen such a large amount of community support, food and water provided to the officers.

Councilman Wright, stated that he had spoken with State Representative, Heath Clarke, if and when we do a recognition for Corporal Mashuga and Officer Willcox, he would like to be included.

City Attorney Tydings, stated that GMA also had made contact with her to check on the officers.

Councilman Armijo, stated that he had spoken with Representative Shaw Blackmon who called to check in on officers.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 7:39pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date