

Council Work Session

June 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Slayton Carter, Congressman-Austin Scott representative.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley and recognized Slayton Carter, Congressman-Austin Scott representative.

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

Rules of Decorum: Mayor John Harley went over rules of decorum.

Mayor Harley stated he attended a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce and the following poem was read and it impressed him and wanted to share it with everyone.

Mayor Harley read the following poem “ A Builder or a Wrecker”-Author Charles Franklin Benvegar.

As I watched them tear a building down
A gang of men in a busy town
With a ho-heave-ho, and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and the side wall fell

I asked the foreman, “Are these men skilled,
And the men you’d hire if you wanted to build?”
He gave a laugh and said, “No, indeed,
Just common labor is all I need.”

“I can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do.”
And I thought to myself, as I went my way
Which of these roles have I tried to play'

Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by rule and square?
Am I shaping my work to a well-made plan
Patiently doing the best I can'

Or am I a wrecker who walks to town
Content with the labor of tearing down?
“O Lord let my life and my labors be
That which will build for eternity!”

Mayor Harley stated we are all builders, do not want to wreck what has taken many years to build.

Public Comments

Susan Lemme, 219 Mason Drive, stated that she sees we are facing a similar situation as we did in 2017, July holiday not falling on a Monday or Friday. Asking all city council to vote your conscious today and be aware that there is a provision in the city ordinances.

Sec. 2-61. Agenda (b) Repetitious motions. “When a motion before the council is defeated, a motion regarding the same or a substantially similar subject shall not be placed on the agenda and shall not be raised before the council for a period of six months from the date of its defeat”.

Motion made by Councilman Andrews to add the following item to agenda:

Authorization/Designation of Signatory and Adoption of Bank Resolution – Renewal of Synovus Bank CD’s; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Old Business

New Business

Adoption Resolution FY 2019-2020 Budget: Councilman Andrews recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison seeking approval tonight to adopt FY 2019-2020 budget. A copy of the proposed budget was provided Mayor and Council for review. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Proposed Councilman Over Department: Mayor Harley presented the following proposal that would be effective July 1, 2019.

<u>Water & Sewer</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Economic Development</u>
Andrews	Evans	Wright	Armijo	Andrews
Evans	Armijo	Andrews	Evans	Wright

Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Home Based Business Robins Commercial Cleaning Service (Verocal Franklin-213 Carrington Lane): Councilman Andrews made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Approval of Expenditure Police Department Vehicle: Councilman Evans reported that there was a police officer involved in an accident, officer is recovering. However, need to replace vehicle. Lt Scott Radebaugh stated the accident occurred on May 9, 2019. Officer will return back to work once he recovers and confirmed vehicle is a total loss and seeking to replace. Lt Radebaugh obtained (3) quotes for Ford F150. Recommendation to accept quote from Wade Ford, to purchase 2019 F-150 \$ 27,160. Lt Radebaugh informed all the recommendation to replace prior vehicle with a truck due to the investigators routinely carry more equipment. Also, the detective is assigned to the county tactical force. Also provided quotes from Creative Custom for truck box (\$ 1250.00) and Mobile Communications (\$ 3932.00) to replace equipment. The city’s insurance company will be remitting a check in the amount of \$20,368, leaving a

difference of \$ 12,574.00. Lt Radebaugh stated he had spoken with Mrs. Harrison and additional funds could come from the unassigned general fund balance.

City Accountant Harrison inquired if the truck will be purchased/ delivered prior to June 30. Lt Radebaugh stated that he would place order and possibly be delivered prior to June 30. Mrs. Harrison explained if we do not receive truck prior to June 30 then it would be classified under FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve purchase of 2019 F 150 truck and pay the expenditure of \$12,574.00 from the unassigned general fund balance; seconded by Councilman Wright. Mayor Harley opened floor for general discussion.

Councilman Armijo asked what equipment did the detectives carry in the trunk of the car and who else was special response team? Lt Radebaugh stated tactical equipment and various types of equipment due to nature of detective work. Informed all that Corporal Mashuga is on the special response team and drives a dodge charger Councilman Andrews asked are we talking about the same amount of money. Lt. Radebaugh stated “essentially”. Councilman Armijo asked why there was not a charger quote included for comparison. Lt. Radebaugh stated during budget meetings a copy of quote for dodge charger was provided to City Accountant Harrison. Councilman Armijo stated he thought a truck was a good idea and inquired are we thinking about purchasing trucks in the future. Councilman Evans stated we will rely on the discretion of the Police Chief. Councilman Wright stated we would be spending the same amount of money for a charger vs truck. Lt Radebaugh we would be in the same ballpark, just a couple hundred dollars difference. Lt Radebaugh stated we are trying to fit vehicles for specific positions, get the best price we can for the best vehicle. Mayor Harley called for the question. Motion carried.

Discussion-July 5th-Personnel Policy- Holidays- Section 3.200 (M): Mayor Harley entertained motion to authorize the day after July 4 as holiday for employees; paid time off. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Authorization/Designation of Signatory and Adoption of Bank Resolution – Renewal of Synovus Bank CD’s: Motion made by Councilman Andrews to authorize and approve resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. See Resolution 2019-4.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, no comment.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, encouraged everyone to check event calendar tremendous team planning events. Make sure you come out.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, days are getting longer, thinking safety, kids are out of school, encouraged everyone to keep eyes open when driving. Reminded everyone planning retreat coming up, public is invited, come out and see what your Councilman is doing. A lot of changes in the city. New logo signs are going up all over the place. Stressed to everyone to remember when the city was established city seal, reminds us of the history and the nostalgic things of the city. Love the city and the people and not going to let it all get away from us, this will be discussed more at the retreat.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, FD completed read report. The Department completed a Smoke Alarm Blitz along with the American Red Cross this past Saturday, June 15, 2019. The Blitz is an event where Firefighters went door-to-door in a select few neighborhoods in Centerville and questioned citizens about their smoke alarms. As we spoke with residences whose homes had no smoke alarms, non-working smoke alarms, or smoke alarms that were over ten years old; Firefighters replaced or assured that those homes had working smoke alarms. Firefighters

Installed or provided 92 new smoke alarms to the citizens that we visited with on Saturday during the event. This is remarkable, people are impressed with what our Fire Department continues to do for our community.

The Department is currently working with the Houston County Health Department and offering Fire Department Employees access to receive Hepatitis A vaccinations. There is a serious rise in Hepatitis A cases within Georgia. First Responders are subject to contacting infected people at incident scenes; and therefore, the offered vaccinations.

Saturday, June 22, 2019, Department personnel will be participating in the Channel 41 Healthy Living Expo at the Galleria Mall. Encouraged all to come by expo.

The Department's annual picture fundraising event continues through the end of June. This fundraising event is a door to door process where citizens that donate to the Fire Department can receive a free family portrait.

As reminder when shooting July 4th fireworks, be careful and not supposed to shoot past 10pm. Be respectful and be aware of pets, they get upset.

Mayor Harley, mentioned the planning retreat next week open to the public, GMA Convention classes he will be taking. Will be coming back next Monday, looking forward to seeing awards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date