

Council Work Session

November 19, 2019

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

Rules of Decorum: Mayor Harley went over Rules of Decorum.

Public Comments

Mayor Harley recognized Angie Bibb whom promotes community education workshops. Mrs. Bibb recognized her business partner William Byrd (201 Lancaster Lane, Centerville Ga). Mr. Byrd stated he will be hosting a theft awareness workshop in Centerville at the Houston County Centerville Library (Gunn Rd). Mr. Byrd stated it is very important to continue to educate community re: identity theft. People do not know what to do if this happens to them, workshops will be held throughout the holidays. Councilman Evans asked Mr. Byrd how he got involved teaching workshops. Mr. Byrd stated he had attended a seminar and the presentation was very interesting. He found out that there was a certification class. He completed the certification class and stated he is proud of the accomplishment and can host and teach workshops himself. Mayor Harley informed all that there will be a workshop held on Saturday, November 30, Houston County Centerville Library.

Old Business

None

New Business

Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement - Signatures for Authorized Representatives & Designated Fiscal Officers (Mayor Harley will be Chief Executive Officer, Director Brumfield, Chief Hadden and Chief Jones): Councilman Evans recognized Fire Chief Jones. Chief Jones requested that the City once again into this Agreement, reporting that it is a 10-year agreement which is up for renewal in 2020. The Agreement must be in place in order for the city to receive any reimbursement from state/ federal financial aid. City Attorney Tydings stated she has reviewed the agreement and has no issues with the language. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve Agreement and designate the following as fiscal officers- Mayor Harley will be Chief Executive Officer and Director Brumfield, Chief Hadden and Chief Jones as fiscal officers; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant: Councilman Evans recognized Fire Chief Jones. Seeking approval to enter into Agreement and apply for a 50/50 matching

grant up to \$ 10,000; will be putting in for emergency lighting for some of the Fire Department vehicles. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Chief Jones stated that they will be purchasing lighting for the Durango and lettering, which is a budgeted item and will still have \$ 8000 leftover. They plan to apply for the grant and hope to receive another \$ 5000. Chief Jones reported that they also received this grant last year. Mayor Harley called for the vote. Motion carried.

Ordinance Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum-Brunch Bill: Mayor Harley recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. Mrs. Hogan stated this is an administrative/housekeeping measure – adopting an Ordinance ratifying the results of the November 5, 2019 vote on the ballot referendum question expanding hours for serving alcohol by the drink on Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. The referendum question passed with a majority of votes cast to approve. Mrs. Hogan stated she had spoken with a business owner at the Houston Galleria Mall and they were very excited.

City Attorney Tydings stated this ratifies the results of the election.

Councilman Evans stated that at times we have our individual beliefs. Hope as we go forward that people make good choices don't hurt themselves or anyone else. Believes this is a good thing and will help businesses. This makes our city a good place to work, live and play. Motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Mayor Harley and Councilman vote to approve. Councilman Andrews opposed. Motion carried.

Point of Information: New City Website: Councilman Andrews recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. Mrs. Hogan reminded everyone that back in January, the city started rebranding process. Reporting that the website went live around 10:30 am Monday. The website showcases the city. Mrs. Hogan presented an overview of the actual website online. No motion or action taken. Mayor and Councilman stated they were very impressed.

#### Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, appreciate the work we do with mutual aid with all the other agencies in the county. Recognized Mrs. Hogan and staff who worked on the web site. Stated he really liked the Georgia Drone Pros footage. Hope we keep this website cutting edge and up to date and it will move us in to the modern day.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, excited to be here, wanted to say publicly to the Centerville citizens “Thank you” for re-electing him. Placing your trust in me and the opportunity to continue to serve and working with employees the next 4 years. Thanked all first responders for their hard work every day. Thanked Mayor and Council for working together well, able to work together and come to consensus and glad to live here in Centerville. Excited and wants to continue to move forward, live work and play in the center.

Mayor Harley, attended Eggs an Issues this morning, great event talked about a lot of things going on in Centerville. The new fire station coming along well, hope to start building early next year. Center Park is working well, thanked Houston County and voters for SPLOST money to do this project. Road work out front of city hall, waiting on Windstream to move infrastructure has been part of the dilemma. A lot of great things going on in Centerville. Department heads and staff keep us in line. Police provide training techniques to general public, educate young adults

about driving while impaired. Fire Department also provides safety training to educate everyone about fire safety. Reminder Christmas Parade December 7 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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