

Regular Council Meeting  
January 7, 2020

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

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley.

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 Rebecca Tydings.

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

Oaths of Office -Post 3 & Post 4: City Attorney Tydings introduced Judge Edward D. Lukemire and informed all that this the official swearing in ceremony for the reelected officials to serve 4-year term for seats Post 3 (Councilman J. Micheal Evans) and Post 4 (Edward D. Armijo). Judge Lukemire provided oaths of office and officials were sworn into office.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

- December 3, 2019
- December 10, 2019 Special Council Meeting

Old Business

None

New Business

Home Based Business-Flowers & Gifts (owner: Deborah Wilkins, 120 Scarborough Rd): Councilman Armijo made motion to approve home based business; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Holiday Decorations Competition: Councilman Wright and Director of Economic Development Hogan informed all that this year the Centerville Housing Team decided to recognize those individuals and businesses who put in extra effort in decorating for the Holiday Season. This year, Mr. Jay Taylor and Snellgrove's Seafood as the resident and business winner.

2020 Municipal Court Appointments: Councilman Armijo stated that he has spoken with City Attorney Tydings and confirmed she has sent letters to the judges, prosecutors and public defenders about serving for 2020. Motion made to appoint all municipal court personnel as listed to server for 2020; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

- Municipal Court Judge-Jeff Grube

- Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem-Carl Veline
- Municipal Court Solicitor-Greg H. Bell
- Municipal Court Assistant Solicitor-Jocelyn P. Daniell
- Municipal Court Public Defender- Clarence Williams
- Municipal Court Assistant Public Defender-Duncan Munn

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment –Post 2 Councilman Wright: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Evans to appoint Post 2 Councilman Justin Wright to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem 2020; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Approval of ICB Contract and Designation of Funding Source: Councilman Andrews recognized Director of Economic Development Kate Hogan and City Accountant Harrison thanking them for their hard work on the contract. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve the contract for building the Center Park Project between the city and International City Builders (ICB). This motion includes authorizing Mayor Harley to sign all contract and or other documents necessary to complete the project and designating the funding source of Water and Sewer unrestricted net position to pay for any costs in excess of FY 2019/2020 budgeted amounts for the project; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Councilman Evans stated he appreciates all the hard work from the department heads involved in the process. Things are coming into fruition. Councilman Armijo asked City Accountant Harrison if this will put a delay on the construction of the new fire station; inquired if this is the same funds being used. Mrs. Harrison confirmed that this is not the same funding source, separate funding and will not hinder the construction of the fire station.

Mayor Harley called for the vote. Motion carried.

Center Park Calendar of Events: Councilman Andrews recognized Event Coordinator Hartley. Mrs. Hartley reported this is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual year of events. Provided a copy of schedule of events for Center Park. A lot of great things will be happening in the park.

Hotel/Motel Ordinance: Councilman Andrews recognized Director of Economic Development Kate Hogan. Mrs. Hogan informed all that there is a potential revenue source for (2) AIR BNB in Centerville. This is a point of information. Will be working closely with City Clerk Bedingfield and City Accountant Harrison. City Attorney Tydings stated she will have a draft for Mayor and Council at the work session for consideration. Will be recommending 7% with a summary to explain what this will mean for the city. Councilman Wright stated he likes that we are ahead of this, certainly see the opportunity, will have our code up to date and ready to go; good thing to be proactive and move forward.

#### Comments from Council

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, certainly want to wish the city well in the future. Encouraged others to come out and participate in the events at the park. Keep in your prayers our service members that are under attack.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, “ditto” Councilman Armijo’s comments. Thanked citizens for giving him the opportunity to serve another 4 years.

Post2 Councilman Wright, welcome back to everyone. Congratulations to Post 3 & Post 4 officials.

Post1 Councilman Andrews, appreciate the Houston County Board of Education (HCBOE) for what they have done for Center Park and Houston County Commissioner. In-kind services very gracious and we will be in debt for a long time. We would not be this far along with project without their assistance. Really excited, thanked families for coming out tonight. Congratulations to Post 3 & Post 4 officials.

Mayor Harley, exactly right about HCBOE donated dirt, also Houston County Commissioners working in the rain, can't thank them enough, have to think of something to show our appreciation. Reminder about the Census, extremely important to get that information in we need to show how the city is growing, more opportunities, very important, get the word out. Congratulated Post 3 & Post 4 officials, very pleased to have them back on the council. Thank you for your willingness to serve the city.

Executive Session Potential Pending Litigation & Personnel Matters: Councilman Wright made motion at 7:31pm to enter into executive session; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:49pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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