

Regular Council Meeting
February 4, 2020

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

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt Christine Welch.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

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

Public Comments

None

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

- January 7, 2020
- January 21, 2020 Council Work Session

Mayor Harley informed everyone that Councilman Wright has completed 72 hours of educational training and stressed the importance of training. Mayor Harley presented Councilman Wright with the Certificate of Achievement Award.

Old Business

None

New Business

Home Based Business: Specialty Forms, Inc. (owner: Troy Broadie, 211 Crestwood Circle): Councilman Armijo made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Home Based Business: Joyce Mack Leonard, Marriage & Family Therapist (owner: Joyce Mack Leonard, 304 Sentry Oaks Dr): Councilman Evans made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Home Based Business: B's Taxi (owner: Beijoo Mody, 109 Abney Ct): Councilman Armijo made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Budget Resolution- 1st Budget Amendment FY 2020: Councilman Armijo recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided copy of budget resolution and summary. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to adopt; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. See Resolution 2020-2.

Approval- Axon Contract Renewal/ Upgrade Police Department: Councilman Wright recognized Lt Michael Welch. Lt Welch provided an update of existing axon body camera renewal agreement. Lt Welch thanked City Attorney Tydings for reviewing contract. The current contract ends September 2020. Axon has an early signing offer that saves money if renewed now. Lt Welch stressed that body cameras are one of the most important pieces of equipment they use. Seeking approval tonight to renew contract. Looking to move forward to install and upgrade equipment. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve 5-year contract in the amount of \$ 55,039.00 and authorize Chief Hadden or designee to sign contract; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Councilman Evans asked Lt Welch to explain the advantage of renewing contract early. Lt. Welch stated that the City will save \$6,000 and will begin a 5-year contract for the body cameras. The fleet cameras will still have 2 years remaining on that contract.

Councilman Armijo added this is very important. Mayor and Council support the Police Department, make sure they have the proper amount of gear and safe gear. Thanked Lt Welch and City Attorney Tydings on their hard work.

Councilman Andrews stated this creates transparency, accountability, and protects from potential law suits. It's a training tool, can go back and evaluate how officers interact; creates a clear picture of what happened, important to continue to have the support for cutting edge technology.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, “kudos” to the road contractor and ICB, they are out at Center Park. The ball is rolling faster. Thanked everyone who is involved.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, thanked City Accountant Harrison for providing information pertaining to budget resolution. Stating he has looked at the numbers and realizes the 1.2 - 1.3 million increase in the budget is largely due to one-time expenses for City improvements. Also stated that these are good one-time expenses, to move two large projects forward (Center Park and new Fire Station). We are fortunate to be able to do this. Thanked all department heads.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, echoed comments. Projects of this magnitude, you have the opportunity to get this right the first time. This is a small increase for a large return, this is all for the citizens that we can give back. Looking forward to all these things getting done, really exciting. This is the first Tuesday of the 20th century.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, Houston County Pinnacle Awards ceremony was pretty amazing, Houston Galleria Mall was recognized and presented with the staying challenged award. Councilman Armijo recognized Director Hogan. Mrs. Hogan informed all the mall was presented with the award. Mall management/ownership has invested 1 million dollars into the mall for renovations and Robins Regional Chamber honored them. Councilman Armijo recognized the Police Department, they are getting criminals off the street. Thankful we have a great police force, keeps our community safe. Thanked them and encouraged them to keep on pushing out the social media feeds. The Fire Department responded to a house fire recently, saving a life and a family pet. The Police Department also assisted; team work, city employees pull together. “Kudos” to Fire Department for their hard work. Recognized City Accountant Harrison appreciate you putting together the budget resolution, have to realign funds. Mayor

and Council trust you with everything you do. Thanked all Department Heads for their hard work, makes our work easy.

Mayor Harley outstanding budget report, Mrs. Harrison leads us in the right direction, gives us various options with the city. Department Heads keep an eye on everything, I can go on vacation and do not worry about anything and they can run the city.

Mayor Harley reminded everyone there are 5 things you need to know about the 2020 Census.

1. It's about fair representation. Census data results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives.
2. Responding to the census is a way to participate in our democracy and be counted.
3. State officials use the results to redraw boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts
4. Everyone Counts. The Census counts every person living in the US once, only once, and in the right place.
5. Your information is confidential. Federal law protects your census responses and your answers can only be used to produce statistics. By law, your information cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies, or any other government agency.

Also reminded everyone, that this Thursday night EAB is having their quarterly meeting at 6:30pm in the community room. If you want to know what's going on in your environment at RAFB, showing maps; this is a public meeting.

Executive Session- Potential Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters: Councilman Wright made motion to enter into executive session at 7:32pm; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 8:24pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date

