

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 2020

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

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Armijo.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Councilman Andrews made motion to add item to agenda: Resolution-Declaring Surplus Property- 3 vehicles for Police Departments; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments

Dee Allison, Executive Director Humane Society Houston County, 230 Langston Rd, Perry Ga:

Discussion- Animal Control Policy: had an incident and this is not the first time. Wanted to bring to Mayor and Council attention. One of our volunteers found dog last week. When they made contact with Centerville Police, was informed that no animal control was available. Typically, the answers are to either hold onto the animal, some cases are not a possibility or either turn the animal loose. With this incident the dog happened to be deaf; could not due this would have been a death sentence. What are the city's plans if there isn't an available Animal Control Officer? Technically are not supposed to accept animals off the street, when there is animal control available. This puts them in a dilemma. WR Animal Control is a backup in case of Emergency however, this was not the case. Recommendation made to Mayor and Council to put plans in place to have a better answer, be more progressive instead of reactive in this kind of situation.

Mayor Harley thanked Ms. Allison for her comments.

Mayor Harley recognized former Councilman Randall Wright.

Randall Wright, 108 Virginia Drive: Discussion- Code Enforcement, code enforcement re: complaints filed earlier on April 1st and April 27th, wanting to follow up, went over several nuisances in Centerville:

103 Garvin-camping trailer in front yard.

223 Sedgefield- trailer in driveway-has to be behind building line by the side of the house.

407 Wilson Drive-junk car in driveway- was moved to back side yard.

312 Davis Drive, scrap metal-junk vehicle in drive way, violations are at this address.

Mr. Wright cited code violations from the ordinance pertaining to each section.

Final comments made, the code officer needs to read his book, been reported over and over again. When things are turned into code enforcement would be nice to have a follow up.

Jeff Head, 311 Davis Drive- City Blight & Noise Pollution, material here not only represents his view, but other elderly women, scared to make presentation, due to retaliation, requests name not be published by the media if present. Moved to Centerville in 1976, Stafford Subdivision, has resided for 45 years, 3 children graduated from Northside High School, tomorrow will be my 91st birthday. Council might give me a present with help in a resolution to this problem. Property in his neighborhood reflecting blight, structural damage in this home, not only a bad appearance but also decrease in property value. Property owner hauls in junk- aluminum by trailer, collection consists of appliances, washer dryers, etc. Huge amount of trash that is stuffed in the garbage receptacle. The metal beating process goes on day and night, this is noise pollution. All or part may lay in the front for a day, constant daily process, junk and trash continuously strewn across the front yard. Their truck has no muffler, clutch grinding, noise is so loud rattles my bedroom window 75 feet away. We have endured this over the past 5 years, neighbors fear of retribution and retaliation. Expressed that he is ready to move. In conclusion what is the solution, provided pictures to Mayor and Council for them to see property. Mr. Head stated the address is: 312 Davis Drive.

Adoption of Minutes- Motion made by Councilman Andrews to adopt all sets of minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

- June 2, 2020
- June 9, 2020 Special Council Meeting
- June 16, 2020 Council Work Session

Old Business

EDA Grant Match: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. Mrs. Hogan stated this is a point of clarification. EDA Match is 10% of total project costs not \$10,000. Original conversation at the June 16 Council Work session was an estimated cost of \$200,000. We received a final quote for \$310,000 from a qualified engineering firm. The Mayor and the Mall have submitted matching letters for this project, both entities will be supplying a 10% match for a total of 20% match for this EDA Grant.

City Attorney Tydings stated it would be appropriate to make motion to approve the city portion of this match for purposes of the audit. Councilman Evans made motion to approve the 10% match; seconded by Councilman Andrews, Mrs. Hogan should hear something by the next work session or at the latest August. Motion carried.

Council over Departments Effective July 1, 2020: Mayor Harley opened floor for discussion. Councilman Andrews stated that this was item was voted on at the June 16, 2020 work session references pg. 2 and who made motions and effective date. Motion carried. Do not need to go back and address. Spoke with Councilman Wright today and he was the one who had the difficulty with it and wanted to be over Economic Development. Not sure how we got this confused over the years. The adopted list will remain with no revisions. No action taken.

New Business

Home Based Business: Wright's Pressure Washing (owner: Terry Wright, 232 Sentry Oaks Drive): Councilman Evans made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Fire Station Project Owner/Contractor Agreement Approval and Notice to Proceed: Councilman Armijo recognized Fire Chief Jones. Chief Jones seeking approval to approve owner/contractor agreement and notice to proceed. The notice to proceed date will be August 1, 2020. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve agreement and notice to proceed and designate Mayor as authorized to sign on behalf of the city; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

City COVID-19 Guidelines Policy: Councilman Armijo stated that the city and employees thought it was necessary to draw up guidance re: COVID 19. Providing instruction for facilities and employees as well as the visitors. Effective July 7-September 1, 2020. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to adopt COVID 19 Guidelines Policy; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans stated most of them are the same for each department there are few exceptions-Police, Fire and Court. Feels that we could consolidate document. Mayor Harley stated we thought about this but due to different areas with different processes does not agree. There are some other things that are separate, all of this effort was led by Councilman Armijo and we met with Department Heads and then discussed with Council. This is the best document with little confusion, does seem long but each department and visitors need to be aware of how things are handled, but is necessary. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried.

Center Park Pavilion Rental Agreement and Community Room Rental Agreement Update: Councilman Evans stated if you have been driving down Houston Lake Blvd there is a lot of construction going on. We are fast approaching completion of Phase I of Center Park, excited about this and will be able to enjoy this soon. Opportunities for others to enjoy, people may want to use this just like the community room. Mrs. Hogan has led the effort in this with guidelines and rules. Recognized Mrs. Hogan. Director of Marketing Hogan as stated we are growing, and the opportunity to share this with the public; birthday parties, family reunions. When drafting the pavilion agreement looked at the community room agreement and noted some changes. Worked with City Clerk Bedingfield and compared community room agreement and wanted to make sure it is representative of all the knowledge that she has used when renting out the community room. Made sure it was representative of what other pavilions looked like in the Middle Georgia area. There has been discussion about how the pricing could be off, had sent out the thought process of pricing. Wanting this to be representative. Councilman Andrews likes everything but the price, recommended that Mrs. Hogan work with the 2 councilmen over department and come up with a different pricing schedule, too expensive in his opinion. Needs to match what the community room rents for, not wanting it to be prohibitive. Mrs. Hogan stated this a very valid point and will meet with Councilman Evans, Councilman Wright to discuss and present a better pricing guide. Councilman Evans stated that he has discussed with Mrs. Hogan and will come up with something. City Attorney Tydings reminded all that we can't have a gathering of more than 50 at this time due to COVID until Governors order is lifted. Councilman Armijo stated he agrees with fellow councilman. Councilman Evans stated we will wait to approve agreements at the same time. No motion or action taken.

Centerville Business Guide: Councilman Evans so this is something that is really good, really professional, guides a business on what they need to do in order to start a business. A great group effort working with all Department. Director of Marketing Hogan such a comprehensive way to start a business, entrepreneur, expansion, a collective document. This document just emphasizes the efficiency and collaboration of our organization.

Resolution Surplus Property: Councilman Andrews made motion to approve and declare vehicles surplus property; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans stated this was talked about during the budget process. Chief Hadden reported that they trade in vehicles at the

60,000 mileage mark and this is part of his 5-year plan. This will help with the plan to purchase vehicles this year. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried. See Resolution 2020-4.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, thanked the Lions Club of Centerville, they recently held a free food distribution, everyone was hands on deck, gave out a lot of food that day. Lions Club President, Jay Taylor, reminded me tonight, Perry will be doing one on July 15th at noon, Bank of Perry.

City Attorney Tydings informed everyone that Councilman Wright texted her during the meeting while Mr. Head was making his comments. Wanted her to let Mr. Head know that he will be calling him and personally addressing the property that he is concerned about in the neighborhood.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, it is great to see how the employees in Centerville work together and provide information and get things done.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, the Lions Club provided 1600 boxes of food to not only our citizens but anyone who came by and got food. Councilman Andrews, Councilman Wright assisted the Lions Club; community service. Thanked Dee Allison, Randall Wright, Mr. Head for attending the meeting, refreshing to have them and address some of the issues. Thanked all the department heads for sitting and talking with him about the COVID 19 guidelines, take some time out of your day. Also, Mayor and Council while coming with a plan, thanked all for helping develop plan.

Mayor Harley thanked citizens and wished Mr. Head happy birthday. Had an opportunity to go out to RAFB clinic, which has joined in with Veterans Center, will take over 2,000 VA patients locally, Houston county has a tremendous number of veterans, such a great place to live. We have not had any problems during COVID 19, appreciates everyone's cooperation. Appreciates Councilman Armijo for taking this by the horns, thanked him publicly.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 7:51pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date