

Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Justin Wright at 7:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Andrews.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.
Welcome extended by Mayor Pro Tem Wright.

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

Public Comments

No comments

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

- September 1, 2020
- September 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Andrews to table agenda items 12 & 13. Executive Session-Potential Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters and Affidavit & Resolution; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Resolution-Georgia Cities Week 2020: Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried. See Resolution 2020-5.

Proclamation-Triple Ribbon Month: Mayor Pro Tem Wright read proclamation.

Firefighter of the Year (Joseph Laimana): Mayor Pro Tem Wright recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones stated that, earlier this evening, a recognition ceremony was held outside city hall with families and Firefighter Joseph Laimana was presented with Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Laimana has been with the department since September 2018. He is a great employee, dedicated, taking courses and currently training for engineer driver operator. Also, Firefighter Laimana was part of the life save in January. In addition, he is taking courses to be a minister and would like to be the chaplain one day for Fire Department. The award was voted on by his peers.

Firefighter Life Save Recognition (Sergeant Dustin Talley, Firefighter Clint Traxler, Firefighter Kendell Marzoll, Firefighter Joseph Laimana): Mayor Pro Tem Wright recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones reported that on January 27th Fire Department was dispatched to structure fire

with entrapment, Centerville Police Department was there on scene as well. When arriving on scene, (2) fire fighters went inside burning home and found a victim asleep, pulled them out. Also, found and rescued the family dogs. Both were treated for smoke inhalation and are doing great. Assisted with medical attention to both victims. The fire was caused by unattended cooking and fire started in kitchen.

Home Based Business Licenses: Councilman Evans made a motion to approve all business license; seconded by Councilman Andrews. Motion carried.

- Vason's Landscaping & Pressure Washing-102 Misty Ct (owner: Stephen & Lafonda Vason)
- Annie C'S Pretty T's and More-222 Sunnymead Drive (owner: Ranekqua Mitchell)
- We Fetch, LLC-105 Shannon Lane (owner: Velicia Lowe)
- Lowe Consulting & Development Firm, LLC-105 Shannon Lane (owner: Velicia Lowe)

Budget Resolution 2nd Budget Amendment FY 2020: Councilman Evans recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided a copy of the resolution along with summary explanation of budget amendment revenues. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve 2nd and final budget amendment; seconded by Councilman Andrews. See Resolution 2020-6.

Approval 2021 LMIG Application/Street Resurface List: Councilman Andrews recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Provided a copy of LMIG packet along with cover letter. Seeking approval tonight for LMIG list. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve application and list of streets; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried. Councilman Andrews stated Eagle Springs Drive is over 20 years and has only been paved one time. Director Brumfield stated this is the main road through subdivision. This is a good deal, appreciate what you guys do with the LMIG. Director Brumfield expressed gratitude to the State of Georgia and Houston County who has always been a great help.

Point of Information- Citizen Request for Action Forms: Mayor Pro Tem Wright stated he wanted to make people aware of the form. Received a call a few weeks ago about an issue regarding a piece of property. There were complicated ownership issues and people were living there in an unbelievable state of disrepair. The neighbors were floundering on what to do. Councilman Wright asked if they were aware that they could go on the City's website; search under the tab "How Do I" and click on the Citizen Request for Action Form. This form used to be called the citizen complaint form, however the City revised the form to make it more user friendly. Wanted to say this to all folks, city leadership whether it's Public Works, Police, Admin, we want to help, it's not possible to have eyes on the city at all times, help us out.

Read the following email from Stephanie Hall:

The residents of Cedar Glen Court and Willow Glen Court in Centerville, Georgia would like to recognize a job well done by the Centerville Police Department on correcting a dangerous situation in their neighborhood. Councilman Wright was instrumental by providing us with information to utilize a wonderful tool on the City of Centerville website. We submitted our complaints concerning the problem of squatters occupying an abandoned house thereby bringing unwanted criminal activity into our neighborhood. Centerville City Council and the Police Department worked together to remove the squatters and board up the house bringing our neighborhood back to the peaceful surroundings we once enjoyed. I would like to encourage all Centerville residents to utilize the centervillega.org website to make a citizen's request for action regarding any issues you might be having. It really works! You can find this under the tab "How Do I ..." after selecting the menu in the upper left corner of the centervillega.org website. Thank you again to our city professionals in handling this

situation!

Sincerely, Residents of Cedar Glen Court and Willow Glen Court, Centerville Ga.

Last Wednesday getting ready for church, Mrs. Hall came by the office to deliver a pound cake. Will be bringing donuts to staff next week in appreciation of staff and their hard work. Encouraged all again to take advantage of the web site.

Comments from Council

Councilman Post 3 Councilman Evans, thanked all employees for their hard work.

Councilman Post 1 Councilman Andrews, thank you to the employees, back bone of the city, do not get to thank you enough, response time of Police Department was incredible, appreciate the Police Department. Requested Sgt. Sauls pass this along to the department.

Director of Marketing Hogan, informed all that the following question was received from Sonny Johnston via Facebook-What is the status for repairs to Magnolia Glen? Director of Operations Brumfield responded, reporting during the last storm damage to storm pipe located on Magnolia Glen. Houston County will be hauling dirt to fill in the area, weather permitting, will begin repairs. Mr. Brumfield stated he is tremendously thankful for our partnership with Houston County.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright, stated the letters on the sign at Center Park look fantastic, pouring concrete for sidewalks on Church Street. Remember Mayor Harley in your prayers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date