

Regular Council Meeting

November 5, 2020

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

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Ronnie Harlowe.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

Public Comments

None

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

- October 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- October 20, 2020 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval Police Chief Retirement Agreement – Councilman Evans read resignation letter. Copy of letter attached and made part of official minutes. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve separation agreement; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Point of Information: CHIP 2021 Grant: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Economic Development Hogan. Request for qualifications and proposals 2021 Chip Grant, this is a suggestion from Housing Team. Hoping to work with residents in a targeted neighborhood. Wanting to make sure they are living in appropriate housing. This year we are more competitive 74 out of 80 total points out of the grant application. This is a point of information we have started a procurement process for writing this grant, to help with the competitive side. Councilman Evans inquired if there were other requirements. Mrs. Hogan stated this is a great opportunity. There is a \$250 application fee and \$1500 fee to grant specialist to write. Would have a 24-month period to expend funds up to \$ 400,000 that could be eligible for Centerville residents. After the 24- month grant period there would also be a 4% or \$16,000 cost for the administration of the grant that would have to be budgeted out of General Fund for the Grant Specialist. The total cost to the city would be \$17,750 for a \$400,000 grant directly impacting Home Owners in our target area of redevelopment.

Change Order Request #2 Center Park: Councilman Evans stated any time you have a major project, such as Center Park, there are requests for changes. Director of Economic Development Hogan provided a copy of the change order for approval. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve change order request; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Funding source will be \$85,366.42 from General Fund unassigned. Councilman Wright stated we knew the changes for the parking lot were coming at some point. Excited about the progress, being able to hang out in the park. A lot of fun for many years at Center Park.

Police Department Update: Captain Harlowe stated that during the PD organizational chart assessment, he found that there were some shifts that needed more coverage. Currently have 22 positions, provided a copy of proposed organizational chart. Recommending for next FY budget adding 4 patrol positions. Discussion about the organizational chart. Recommendation to move the (2) admin positions under the Chief of Police. Councilman Wright asked if we would want to lock into this during the process of looking for Chief position. Stability would be better and not having to make a transition down the road. Not wanting to affect the hiring process, or limit options for the future. Captain Harlowe stating there is a morale issue and this would help. Councilman Wright stated that nothing fixes morale issues but moving forward in the search for Chief. Mayor Harley stated that just a few weeks ago we had a Chief. Councilman Armijo stated we need to look at the future and moving forward. Councilman Evans stated that with a new Chief coming in with an organization already set up, may be some changes, we need something going forward. Captain Harlowe stated that with a new Chief this might be appealing having structure.

Discussion about how to proceed with hiring process of Chief of Police. Councilman Wright stated we could look at extending the agreement with Houston County for an additional 30 days if necessary. Look at the process moving forward to hire Chief. Councilman Evans stated we can place ad for the position. Mayor Harley would like to add to work session to discuss process. Also get with City Accountant Harrison to see what the impact on the budget would be all agree.

Comments from Council

Post 2 Councilman Wright, no comment.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, glad everyone is doing well.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, glad we had a safe Halloween in our city, nice to see and be able to support our city. Excited about the park and Fire Department.

Mayor Harley stated that he tries to drive by the Fire Department daily. The park is looking wonderful.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date