

Regular Council Meeting
January 19, 2021

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Armijo

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent Councilman Cameron Andrews. Councilman J. Micheal Evans arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Public Comments

None

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

- December 1, 2020
- December 15, 2020 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

FY 2020 Audit Presentation, Nichols, Cauley & Associates LLC – Mayor Harley recognized Greg Chapman who gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached and made a part of official minutes. Mayor Harley stated that he was very appreciative of the job they have done and all department heads as well.

2021 Municipal Court Appointments: Councilman Armijo made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. City Attorney Tydings stated that Centerville Municipal Court has one of the few fully functioning virtual Municipal Court options in the state. City Attorney Tydings and Municipal Court Clerk Sara Caldwell have spoken and are in agreement about the following recommendations for appointments:

- Municipal Court Judge-Jeff Grube
- Municipal Court Solicitor-Greg H. Bell
- Municipal Court Public Defender- Clarence Williams

Motion carried.

Qualifying Fee General Election November 2, 2021: City Clerk Bedingfield informed all that the Governing Authority that, no later than Feb 1, the City is required to fix and publish qualifying fee for the November 2, 2021 General Election. The Mayor and Council seats Post 1 and Post 2 are up for re-election. The fee is 3% of the gross salary for the Council seat/position as follows: Mayor \$ 360.00 and Council \$180.00. Copy of the ad provided in the packets for review tonight. The ad will run in the Houston Home Journal on January 20, 2021. Motion to approve made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Councilman J. Micheal Evans arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment –Post 3 Councilman Evans: Mayor Harley recognized Councilman Evans as Mayor Pro Tem for 2021. Councilman Evans accepted the appointment.

LED Lighting for City Hall Parking Lot: Director of Operations Brumfield is seeking approval to change the lights in the City Hall Parking Lot over to LED lighting; 10 lights to be replaced. Copy of quote provided by City Electric Supply (CES) in the amount of \$4,316.70. Expenditure will be split between the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund-repairs and maintenance line item and General Fund- repairs and maintenance line item. Once these lights are installed and we have some experience with them, Director Brumfield will likely come back to Council with a proposal for the PD and Court Building parking lot lighting changeover. Motion to approve made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Approval RFP for Professional Audit Services FY 2021: Councilman Evans reported that we have had the same auditor for quite a while. As a council, there has been discussion about moving forward with putting the Audit Services out for bid as suggested at the last planning retreat. The RFP being presented tonight is based on the Ga Dept of Audits template. The document was sent out with a request for technical assistance to the MGRC, whose staff made some small changes. City Attorney Tydings has reviewed the RFP as well. Within the RFP there is a scoring guideline which will be based on the criteria as listed in the bid documents. A copy of RFP was provided to Mayor and Council for review and is included in their folders for consideration tonight. There was some general discussion among Mayor and Council about bidding for a one-year engagement with possible renewals based on experience with the chosen provider of audit services. Mrs. Harrison stated that the bid packet includes a schedule, which will be followed for opening, closing, evaluating and awarding the bid. Once the submitted bid packets are scored, City Accountant Harrison will submit the information to Mayor and Council and then make a recommendation for award of bid that will be considered for approval by Mayor and Council. Tonight, City Accountant Harrison is seeking approval from Mayor and Council for this RFB to be placed on the City's web site and the Georgia Procurement Registry. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Update on Council over Departments Assignments: Mayor Harley stated that one council member has stated they are not interested on being over City departments going forward. Councilman Evans stated we are more than halfway through the budget year and recommended he move into the primary spot over the Police Department. Councilman Wright agreed to shift into the secondary spot over the Police Department. Councilman Armijo would serve as secondary over Administration department.

Councilman Armijo stated this is not a fair practice, unfair for Dept Heads or Council, do not want this to be a precedent. Need to address this and a policy, look at this legally what are we doing or not doing, we all are elected officials. Councilman Evans stated we all were elected to serve; we serve in whatever capacity we need. Things will sometimes be difficult, but he, personally, would not step aside. Mayor Harley stated that he wishes all were here to discuss this.

Motion made by Councilman Armijo to table item; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Wright stated he is fine with tabling item, have said everything on the issue. A lot more in play than we are here to discuss. Councilman Armijo revised motion to table item to February 2 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 2 Councilman Wright, none.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, none.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, congratulations to City Accountant Harrison and Department Heads for another fiscally sound audit and managing the City's budget responsibly. As a result of the sound management, we are able to do great things such as Center Park and we see more wonderful things coming such as the new Fire Station. Keeping our city safe and sound.

Mayor Harley, prayers for our city and the citizens of Centerville, COVID-19. A lot of people are using the park, has been crowded.

Executive Session Personnel Matters/Pending Litigation: Councilman Evans made motion to enter into executive session at 5:39pm; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 7:02pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read resolution. Motion made by Councilman Evans to adopt resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. A copy of affidavit and resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 7:03pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date