## Regular Council Meeting August 3, 2021

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

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo. Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Bird. Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

## Public Comments

None.

<u>Adoption of Minutes</u>: Blanket motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- 1. July 6, 2021
- 2. July 20, 2021 Council Work Session
- 3. July 26, 2021 Special Council Meeting

Old Business

None

## New Business

<u>Appointments-Planning and Zoning Board-Zoning Board of Appeals:</u> Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve resolution to appoint members to planning and zoning Board; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion made to approve made by Councilman Armijo to approve resolution Board-Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Councilman Wright. Present at the meeting tonight Planning and Zoning members; Mr. Davey, Mr. Honrath and Mr. Lee Garrett. See Resolutions 2021-8 and 2021-9.

<u>Solid Waste Management Ordinance Amendment</u>: Councilman Wright recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Seeking approval tonight to revise and update solid waste fees. Councilman Wright mentioned there is a goal to make this more stream lined, reduces some fees in some areas. Motion made to approve by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Amend motion made by Councilman Wright to approve, with correction of residential cart fee typographical error; seconded by Armijo. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2021-2.

<u>Approval 2021 F150 Truck Expenditure Water and Sewer</u>: Councilman Armijo recognized Director Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield provided quotes to Mayor and Council in their packets. Stated this has been an ordeal trying to get new trucks. This is a budgeted item, he has been contacted by Riverside Ford and they have 2 trucks on the lot available. These funds were budgeted for FY 2022. Made recommendation to approve quote from Riverside Ford. Motion made by Councilman Armijo to approve quote and purchase (2) trucks from Riverside Ford; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

<u>Approval Letter of Intent-AARP Community Designation</u>: Councilman Armijo recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. A couple of weeks ago Mayor Harley, Councilman Armijo and I were able to sit down with AARP representative to hear about community designation. Feels this a great opportunity to recognize Centerville, to live, work and play of all ages. Seeking approval to authorize Mayor Harley to sign letter of intent. Motion to approve made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

<u>Home Based Business License</u>: Councilman Wright made motion to approve both licenses; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- <u>Gallagher Home Solutions- (owner: Nathaniel Gallagher-124 Limestone Trail)</u>
- Additional Duties Assigned, LLC-(owner: DaShonna Brown, 304 Westfield Drive)

<u>Proposed Street Name Change or Public Place Dedication Ordinance</u>: Mayor Harley recognized City Attorney Tydings. Mrs. Tydings informed everyone during the research process for requested name change of Gunn Road, Director Hogan provided information that this would have affected several hundreds of addresses and citizens, residential and commercial. Director Hogan worked on an application to go along with tonight's proposed ordinance. This is discussion only, with possibility of placing it on the work session agenda for further discussion/ consideration.

There is a provision is in the application regarding cost mentioned by Councilman Wright. Discussed the general costs would be the responsibility of the applicant. Director Hogan, stated that the proposed ordinance and application had been posted on the website, under news and announcements, will make the comment portion available tomorrow morning.

Will be placed on the agenda for the August 17 work session.

<u>Discussion Center Park Circle Name Change</u>: Councilman Armijo wanted to propose to change the name in the park from Center Park Circle to Patriot Circle. Wanted the opportunity to honor to those veterans that have served, a nice gesture to recognize the veterans. Would be open for discussion at the council work session. City Attorney Tydings did mention that there is a Patriot Way in Warner Robins and that name similarity/confusion is a consideration when making such a change. This would also be placed on the website for public comment.

<u>Announcement Mural for Centerville Fall Festival October 2<sup>nd:</sup></u> Councilman Armijo recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. In an effort to keep the spirit of the Fall festival, this mural will be on the wall by the restrooms making the perfect "selfie" spot, peach blossom representation of history of Gunn Peach Farm. Mural artist Aaron Munn is a HCBOE employee.

<u>Point of Information: CHIP Grant Eligible Homeowners</u>: Councilman Armijo recognized Director of Marketing Hogan. Mrs. Hogan provided a brief update. Actively looking for applicants. Grant Specialist Sherry Kurtz is accepting currently accepting applications. There are strict income requirements as well as a list of streets that are eligible for the CHIP Grant. Locations were determined by Census block group, income levels, in order to make application competitive and impacting low-income grant.

<u>Authorization New Bank Account – CHIP Grant 2021-104</u>: Councilman Wright is requesting authorization for City Accountant Harrison to open a special account for CHIP Grant funds as

the City cannot commingle the money with any other city funds. City Accountant Harrison provided the original bank account resolution for Mayor Harley's packet. Seeking approval tonight to open new bank account for the CHIP Grant 2021-104. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

<u>Approval to proceed with "Process" to maintain the 2021 Millage Rate at the Current Rate of</u> <u>11.944</u>: City Accountant provided a copy of the PT 32.1 and 2021 tax digest along with summary of digest showing changes and senior exemptions for 2021 and history of them since 2010 documents for Mayor and Council to review. Roll back rate 11.463, vs our current 11.944. If Mayor and Council choose to stay with the current rate, it will be a tax increase, which requires 3 public hearings. City Accountant Harrison recommends keeping the 11.944 millage rate but stressed this is Mayor and Council decision.

Discussion about the additional revenue that would be received if we kept the current 11.944 vs choosing the roll back. Anyone that has property that has been reassessed their property taxes could increase slightly depending on the new assessed value. If Mayor and Council decide to move forward, then the required newspaper advertisements will be run, which starts the process. Motion to approve made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

<u>Approval of Project "Provision of Government Services to the Extent of Lost Revenue" ARPA -</u> <u>Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - Calendar Year 2020</u>: Councilman Wright recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided summary, this money is local recovery funds, recapped the eligible projects. Provided revenue loss work sheet provided by Carl Vinson Local Government and supporting documents. As you look at this form, FY 17, 18 and 19 this is the total revenues for those 3 years 3.82% of growth rate, or 4.1%, actual revenues based on the counterfactual revenues. Seeking a motion to approve use of the corresponding portion of the City's ARPA funds to be utilized for the 2021 lost revenues. Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Mayor Harley mentioned that these funds we will offset some of the planned transfer of Enterprise Funds included in the 2020-2021 budget. General discussion of prior years' transfers from Enterprise to General Fund. Mayor called for the question. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, no comment.

<u>Post 2 Councilman Wright</u>, something that he has found, disagreement does not mean dissent nor make us mortal enemies. This was a good public discussion. It's in these moments that we make the best decisions. Thanked Mayor Harley.

<u>Post 3 Councilman Evans</u>, thanked all the employees that take care of the city and provide the services. Reminded everyone about the expired/unused drug turn-in event - Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is a way to safely and conveniently dispose of your expired or unused medications. U Save It Pharmacy is the collection point. All medications need to be collected between 2-5pm on August 10. Please come between those times to be collected by a license pharmacist.

<u>Post 4 Councilman Armijo</u>, public announcements. Food truck Friday August 6, August 7 Farmers Market – these events are a lot of fun. Fall Festival applications are still open, please contact the city, and would like as many people as possible to participate. August 14, First Responders luncheon at Sacred Heart, will have people from all around the county. Perry Mayor Randall Walker will be the key note speaker. Tickets are \$18 - if interested contact Councilman Armijo. A special opportunity to recognize first responders. Found a painted rock in the Centerville parking lot, took a picture and posted it to their website – small things like this are fun for the community and make a difference for all involved.

<u>Mayor Harley</u>, it was a great discussion tonight. Concerned about city taxes and every nickel we lose will have a direct effect to Police and Fire. We do support our seniors, however there is a loss of revenue from exemption, does not having any problem with supporting seniors, though.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 8:03pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date