

Regular Council Meeting

September 7, 2021

Invocation given by Councilman Bird.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Wright

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 and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent Councilman Edward Armijo

Public Comments

No comments

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

- August 3, 2021
- August 17, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- August 17, Council Work Session

Old Business

3rd Public Hearing-Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase: Mayor Harley stated that this is the third public hearing held to inform the citizens that the Mayor and Council propose to maintain the 2020 millage rate of 11.944 which will fund the FY 2022 maintenance and operations of the general City government. This proposed millage rate for 2021 property taxes remains the same as the 2020 millage rate.

The total increase in revenues for FY 2022 that the proposed millage rate will generate represents a 3.32% increase over the 2020 tax levy. This increase requires three public hearings advising the public that the city could roll back the millage rate by 4.20%. By not rolling back the millage rate the City will gain additional income of \$76,783 over the 2020 City taxes levied to help fund the FY 2022 general fund budget of \$5,541,669. This \$76,783 is anticipated income only since 100% of property taxes would have to be collected to realize this full amount.

Since proposed millage rate of 11.944 is being maintained as last year's rate, the only way a property owner would see an increase in property taxes is if their property has been reassessed at a higher value during the year.

Proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$19.24.

Mayor Harley closed regular council meeting and opened public hearing at 7:06pm. No public comments. Mayor Harley closed public hearing and reopened regular council meeting at 7:06pm.

New Business

Adoption Ordinance 2021 Millage Rate: Mayor Harley entertained motion to adopt the Ordinance as written. Motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2021-4.

Approval Contract Between Centerville Police Department and Courtware Government Software Solutions: Councilman Evans recognized Chief Duncan. Chief Duncan reminded everyone that a couple months ago this was discussed before Mayor and Council. This is for the purchase of printers for police vehicles. Proposal received from Courtware, purchase 16 citation printers, there will be a \$4 monthly fee for each printer. Chief Duncan informed all that this fee will be passed onto the offender. Motion to approve made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Point of Information Annual Motorola Service Agreement Police Department: Councilman Evans recognized Chief Duncan. Chief Duncan stated this is an annual service agreement for the Motorola radios. This serves as a point of information. No motion or action taken.

Approval Storm Water F250 Truck Purchase: Director Brumfield provided (3) quotes for Mayor and Council to review. Mr. Brumfield recommended the low bid received from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$33,508, this is a budgeted item. Councilman Wright made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Point of Information AARP Designation: Mayor Harley read letter recognizing Centerville, Georgia for becoming the 580th community to enroll in the AARP Network Age Friendly States and Communities.

Myrtle Habersham-Age Friendly Ambassador AARP Georgia participated via zoom. Thanked local leaders for being part of the AARP network. Ms. Habersham gave a personal thank you to the City as a designated age friendly community. Informing everyone that 8 states have been designated, 15 communities in Georgia and 2 regions (3 million of the residents) working with elected officials on what we can do and partner to go forward with quality of life. Ms. Habersham is a volunteer state leader.

Kay Sibetta, Associate State Director, Community Outreach, AARP. Stated that Mayor is the first Mayor to read the letter in a council meeting and that she is “tickled pink.” Read the official certificate. Copy of the letter attached and made part of official minutes.

Mayor Harley thanked them for joining the meeting via zoom.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, gave thanks to the departments that have been hit hard, staffing shortages. Thanked Mayor and Council and Department Heads for keeping him apprised about things, getting involved and up to speed on things has been an easy process.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, addressed Councilman Bird, comical statement “traditionally after the newly appointed councilman has attended 3 meetings, they buy dinner for everyone”.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, thank you everyone for your hard work. The city employees make it a lot easier to serve, have a lot of good people.

Mayor Harley, be safe and encouraged everyone to get vaccination. Have had friends that have been vaccinated recovered well, other not vaccinated not as good. Stay safe.

Mayor adjourned meeting 7:26pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date