

## Regular Council Meeting

November 2, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 6:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

### Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Councilman Bird to adopt minutes as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- October 5, 2021
- October 19, 2021

### Old Business

### New Business

Point of Information-Holiday Schedule: Mayor Harley informed all that city offices will be closed on the following days during the holiday season. All city offices will be closed Friday December 24, Monday December 27 for Christmas and December 31 Friday before New Year's Day.

Point of Information – Terms and Conditions Public Safety Officials and First Responders Pay Supplement: Mayor Harley informed all that the supplemental grant is part of the American Rescue Plan Act-State Recovery Funds and provides supplemental pay of \$ 1, 000.00 to full time certified law enforcement and certified firefighters employed with the City of Centerville during August 1 to August 31, 2021. Serves as a point of information. Councilman Evans made motion to ratify agreement; seconded by Councilman Armijo to ratify agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion-Potential Donation of Land 1 Acre Parcel to Houston County: Mayor Harley recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield provided a map of the parcel, utilized as fire department training grounds. Informed all that Houston County is experiencing a strain on northern end of county of water supply, they are looking for property to drill a production well. Mr. Brian Jones, engineer Houston County present at meeting to answer any questions. Mr. Brumfield believe that this is a good thing to do, will not put any strain on the Fire Department or City of Centerville. Houston County has assured there will be no cost to city, they will incur cost. This is just now proposed has not been approved by the state at this time.

Houston County wanting to be proactive. Seeking approval tonight to donate land to Houston County if state approves the production well.

Motion to approve to donate 1 acre land made by Councilman Bird; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Evans referenced the map provided and requirements at the locations for the well, as far as access will that change. Mr. Brumfield responded that it will actually stay the same or better than they are now. We will always have an easement to our property.

Mayor Harley recognized Brian Jones, Utility Engineer Houston County Water Department. Mr. Jones stated the Houston County Commissioners and Mr. Robbie Dunbar appreciate the partnership and cooperation that we have with City of Centerville. Projects we have done with the city, enjoy working with Director Brumfield, asset to the city, cooperation and the good people that we have worked with on projects. Thanked everyone for approval and consideration for this property. Mayor stated we are proud to do this for the county. Mr. Jones informed all this will provide reliable water to the north end of the county. Councilman Armijo inquired if there will be a water tower. Mr. Jones replied no this will be a well. Councilman Evans inquired how you will determine the depth of the well. Mr. Jones stated it is a process to get the water to treatment, cost is a driving factor. Mayor Harley called for motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Brumfield reminded everyone that the project is not a done deal. Houston County wanted to make sure this was done prior to proceeding.

#### Comments from Council

Post 2, Councilman Bird, no comments.

Post 3, Councilman Evans, no comments.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, recognized and thanked Mr. Brian Jones for coming to the meeting and answering questions. Echoed Mr. Jones comments that we (city) have a dynamic team of department heads, nice to hear from other people in community. Recognized Mr. Napolitano Troop 400 Boy Scout leader. Reminded everyone of upcoming events, November 4 Center Park come meet your local Police Officer 8-10am. November 11 Veterans Day ceremony at Center Park, also street dedication to change street name to Veterans Drive, refreshments afterwards, encouraged all to come out and attend. December 4 lighted Christmas Parade.

Mayor Harley, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 6:18pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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