

Regular Council Meeting

May 3, 2022

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

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.

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 and Councilman Edward Armijo. Absent, City Attorney Tydings, out of town on vacation.

Dr. Eric Smith – Presentation-stationed with the Mayor years ago. Dr Eric Smith informed everyone that he has served 38 years in military. Joined the Air Force in 1984. Assigned to the 42nd Transportation Squadron, Loring AFB, Maine. Came in the military, direct duty assignment. Born raised in New York. Young squadron major, commander, took over John Harley. Informed all that he was instructed to take the flu vaccine soon after arriving at Loring AFB, he stressed that he didn't want to take his shots, didn't care if the squadron commander came to the door. Later Squadron leader (Mayor) Harley came to his door, asking him if there was a problem taking the vaccine, had heard that he refused. Dr. Smith stated he quickly responded "no sir, not me". That was one of the last times he saw Mayor Harley, moved every 6-8 months. Traveled all over, became a South Carolina State Trooper, then went back to military. Didn't want to go to school, took him 6 years to get associate degree, with a 2.0 average C average. Remember statement made by Mayor Harley "you always to do your best to move up". Informed all that one day while looking at the Houston Home Journal newspaper, he saw the mayor's picture; reached out to him after 38 years. Wanted to stress that in life as you move forward some way somehow you will run across people that have made a difference in your life. Mayor made a difference in his life, impact on his life, thanked him for all that he does. Wanted to share this and let everyone know the type of Mayor we have in Centerville. Everyone working in this room can make an impact.

Mayor Harley presented Dr. Smith with a coin, proud to have him as a friend. Mayor recognized Dr. Smith's wife Jennifer.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes Blanket motion to adopt as written by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

- April 5, 2022
- April 19, 2022 Council Work Session

Old Business

None

New Business

Proclamation-53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week May 1-7: Mayor Harley read resolution. Presented to City Clerk Bedingfield.

Resolution-Perry Request to Amend Service Delivery Strategy Agreement (Middle Georgia Regional Commission Representatives-Dean Nelson & Holly Wharton): Mayor Harley recognized Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Wharton. Mr. Nelson provided maps with the amendments to the service delivery strategy for Mayor and Council. Mrs. Wharton stated this is amendment will have no effect to Centerville.

Motion made by Councilman Wright to approve Resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Councilman Evans inquired why does this have to be approved? Mrs. Wharton stated that all governing bodies that are part of the service delivery strategy have to approve the amendment by resolution.

Point of Information- 2022 City of Centerville Calendar of Events: Councilman Bird recognized City Clerk Bedingfield. Mrs. Bedingfield provided a copy of the calendar to Mayor and Council. The event calendar included events scheduled for 2022; food trucks, farmer's markets, yoga in the park and annual events.

Home Business License Application-The Brightwood Path LLC (owner: Sarah Collins, 232 Crestwood Circle): Councilman Bird made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Home Business License Application- X & J Transportation LLC (owner: Raqual Palmer, 220 Sunnymead Dr): Councilman Bird recognized Mrs. Palmer. Mrs. Palmer informed everyone that she had moved here 4 years ago. Working with LogistiCare and providing concierge services.

Motion made by Councilman Bird to approve; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

FY 2023 Recommended Budget to Governing Authority: City Accountant Harrison provided a copy of the recommended budget to Mayor and Council for review. The documents are on the city website for public review and also in front of the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Evans thanked all department heads for coming out and meeting with them. Thanked Councilman Bird for participating on the budget committee. Councilman Bird said this was a good experience, all department heads made this very easy and very minimal changes to proposed budget. Councilman Evans encouraged all to take a look at document and can discuss this over the next month or so, feel confident this will meet the city needs for the next fiscal year.

Mrs. Harrison thanked Councilman Evans and Councilman Bird for serving on the committee, appreciate their efforts on top of their regular daily duties.

Mayor Harley also thanked them for serving.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, referenced proclamation recognizing City Clerk Bedingfield. She has been very helpful Thanked her for help during first year serving on council. Looking forward to the events starting up again, food truck is one of his favorites.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, encouraged all to go onto the city website to review proposed summary of budget.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, no comment.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, announced to everyone the splash pad opens May 6 at 10am, Center Park. Great job on setting up the upcoming events. Informed everyone how to follow upcoming, events go to FaceBook Center Park and Instagram. Encouraged all to visit web page. Stated that it was an honor meeting Dr. Smith, “one diamond to another”. Thanked the reporter from Houston Home Journal for being at the meeting.

Mayor Harley, informed everyone that he had approved an advertisement to run in the Houston Home Journal “Hometown Heroes”, recognizing Fire and Police Departments. We have a dedicated group of employees, top to the bottom, bottom to the top. Lastly, recognized Dr. Smith and Mrs. Smith and thanked them for coming tonight. Proud of all Dr. Smith’s accomplishments, great story.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Harley at 6:39pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date