

Council Work Session

January 17, 2023

Mayor Harley called meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Bird.

Welcome extended to all.

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

Presentation Jay Walker: Mayor Harley mentioned several accomplishments of retired Commissioner Walker. Presented wooden flag with city coin encapsulated in recognition of his service and congratulating him on his retirement.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Fire Department MDA Presentation: Bridgett Monroe -Muscular Dystrophy Association stated that for over 70 years, the MDA has done research, 18 FDA drugs have been approved for treatment in the last 8 years. Number one partner Centerville Fire Department. MDA research has helped people live longer lives, provide treatments, grants, care centers for 150-families that they can utilize at no cost, summer camp program - virtual and in-person, launching 2023 summer camp application. FDA just approved drug for treatment Lou Gehrig's Disease. Centerville Fire Department 16 year partnership anniversary last year, 2021 award presented-category number 1 fund raising department in the state of Georgia \$143,000.00 raised by the boot drives and golf tournament over the years, making this possible. Chief Jones presented 2022 check to Mrs. Monroe funds raised from boot drive and golf tournament in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Houston County MOU Dunbar Well Site: Director of Operations Brumfield/Councilman Wright Houston County presented an MOU to govern the terms of donating a portion of the City's Dunbar Road property in order for Houston County to place a well there. Mr. Brumfield read summary of MOU-Memorandum of Agreement. The City has agreed to donate a portion of the property the City owns on Dunbar Road to the County for a remote well site. Motion to approve made by Councilman Bird; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Qualifying Fees November 7, 2023 General Election Post 3 & Post 4 Council Seats: City Clerk Bedingfield stated that the City is required to fix and publish qualifying fees for the November 7, 2023 General Election. The Council seats Post 3 and Post 4 are up for re-election. The fee is 3% of the gross salary for the Council-qualifying fee, which will be \$180.00. Copy of the ad is

provided in the packets for review tonight. The ad will be submitted to Houston Home Journal to be published as required. Seeking approval tonight to set qualifying fee for Post 3 and Post 4 council seats in the amount of \$180.00 for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Motion made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, congratulations to Centerville Fire Department. Wishing everyone that who is absent tonight that they feel better.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, congratulations to Centerville Fire Department, outstanding, boot drive to collect funds, very cordial, citizens recognize this goes to a great cause. Thanked the public and Fire Department. Special recognition to Commissioner Walker, he has attended meetings, supportive of city, wish him well on his retirement, has done a great job.

Mayor Harley, welcomed Court Clerk Ms. Sara Caldwell back to work.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:24pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date