

Regular Council Meeting

January 3, 2023

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

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley.

Welcome extended 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.

Presentation to Commissioner Jay Walker– Mayor Harley stated the presentation will be postponed until January 17, 2023 work session.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made by Councilman Wright as written; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

- December 6, 2022
- December 20, 2022

Old Business

None

New Business

Municipal Court 2023 Appointments: Councilman Wright made motion to approve appointments as written and authorize Mayor to sign contract for Municipal Court Judge Grube; seconded by Councilman Evans. City Attorney Tydings stated she will send letters to everyone thanking them for serving. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried.

- Municipal Court Judge-Jeff Grube
- Municipal Court Solicitor-Greg H. Bell
- Municipal Court Public Defender- Clarence Williams
- Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem – Sherry Campbell
- Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem – Carl Veline
- Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem – Kristi Minor

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment –Post 1 Councilman Bird: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Evans to appoint Post 1 Councilman Bird as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Proposed 2023 Calendar of Events City of Centerville-Center Park: Councilman Wright made motion to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Approval – Open Georgia Fund One Accounts: Councilman Wright stated as of December 30, 2022 the city’s cash balance in all bank accounts is \$10,791,000. This includes the 2 million of ARPA funds obligated to the Sewer Main extension and 2 million of 2022 property taxes collected as of December 30. Anticipated notice to proceed for the sewer project is Sept 2023 so the 2 million APRA funds will be unused until that time. Recommendation is to move \$5 million of the \$10.7 million into Georgia Fund One Account (GF1). These funds would come from the \$2.5 million in the General fund operating, \$2 million in the W&S fund and \$500,000 Storm water fund. After these amounts are moved to GF1 there will be more than 6 months’ expenditures still in each cash account for each fund. The process to set up the GF1 would be to set up 3 separate GF1 accounts. One for the General Fund one for Water & Sewer and one for Storm Water. In doing so the investment funds in GF1 would retain the character of GF, W&S and SW and thus interest reported in each of those funds.

Motion made by Councilman Wright for the approval to move 5 million to GF1 investments and opening 3 separate GFI investment accounts, one for the General Fund, Water & Sewer and Storm Water, and to authorize City Accountant Harrison and City Clerk Bedingfield as authorized representatives to request deposits/withdrawals and obtain monthly statements of the GF1; seconded by Councilman Bird.

Councilman Evans asked time period. City Accountant Harrison responded this is not a set term. Councilman Wright wanted to ensure the clarification establishment of 3 separate accounts, interest bearing accounts. Mrs. Harrison reported there will be separate resolutions for each account. Mayor Harley called for vote. Motion carried.

Approval Budget Resolution - 1st Budget Amendment FY 2023: Councilman Wright stated this is a standard budget amendment and recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided a copy of the budget resolution along with summary in packets for review. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt as written; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. See Resolution 2023-1.

Utilities Assistant Superintendent Position: Councilman Bird recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield reported that Mr. Ben Knight has retired but will be coming back to work part time (not more than). Motion made by Councilman Bird to amend job description to allow full or part time hours and to waive 60 day waiting period for insurance benefits; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Post 1 Councilman Bird, thanked all city employees, doing a good job all around.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, thanked everyone for handling the recent incident with broken water pipe at City Hall; employees came to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, Happy New Year, look forward working with all employees this year.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, Department heads doing superb work - likes Director of Operations Mr. Brumfield’s management style and finding ways to retain employees. Keep those employees that need to be here and work with us. Police and Fire departments are doing a great job. Stopped by the Fire Department the guys were all pumped up, you never know when you will be called out and never hear them complain. Very pleased with everyone.

Mayor stated he appreciates everyone, City Attorney, City Clerk and all of the Department Heads. Great team.

Mayor adjourned meeting at 6:21pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date