

## Regular Council Meeting

August 1, 2023

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

Invocation given by Councilman Armijo.  
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, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

### Public Comments

None

Adoption of Minutes: Blanket motion made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

- July 11, 2023 Special Council Meeting
- July 25, 2023 Special Council Meeting

### Old Business

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate: Mayor Harley read press release that was advertised. Closed regular council meeting and entered into public hearing at 6:03pm.

Randy Wright, 125 Logansville Trail, concerned about the tax increase, the 12% is very concerning. Has spoken with a Councilman, expressed his concerns, this is too much. Mayor Harley explained last year there was no increase, this has had an impact on the city. Councilman Bird, reminded everyone that the millage rate will stay the same, however, the tax assessment on properties have increased and will increase taxes; not in favor of roll back rate.

### New Business

Homebased Business-JTZ Outdoors (owner: John Nawara) 110 Crestwood Ct: Councilman Bird recognized City Clerk Bedingfield. Mrs. Bedingfield provided a copy of the application along with letter explaining the landscaping/ lawn care business. Motion made by Councilman Bird to approve; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Approval Close CDs with Synovus and Transfer Funds to GF and W&S Fund Operating Accounts: Councilman Bird / City Accountant Harrison seeking approval to close and roll them into accounts to use as operating, before we pull funds from GA Fund 1. Motion to approve made Councilman Bird; seconded by Councilman Wright. Mayor Harley stressed there will be no fees for closing the CD's early, thanked Synovus Bank. Mayor Harley will be authorized signatory on letter. Mayor called for question. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1, Councilman Bird, thanked all citizens for coming out and watching online, wish we had more people that were interested and participate. Reminder-Food Truck Friday and Farmer's Market on Saturday. Encouraged all to attend.

Post 2, Councilman Wright, keep teachers and students in their mind, hearts and prayers, school starts tomorrow.

Post 3, Councilman Evans, echoed comments. Be careful driving, keep children safe, mentioned beware of cameras in school zones.

Post 4, Councilman Armijo, thanked citizens, it is a challenge to speak in public, it's important for us to hear from you. Schools are starting up again, be careful driving around buses, a lot of traffic. Had an opportunity to attend open house at Eagle Springs Elementary, spoke about the Boy Scout Troop 400, encouraged anyone who is interested to contact Mr. Napolitano.

Mayor Harley, introduce new hire Police Lt. Sales, he was sworn in earlier today. Be safe out there, weather is bad, heat is extreme, keep hydrated.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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