

Council Work Session

April 16, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

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, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Proclamation “Safe Digging Month”: Mayor Harley read proclamation declaring April “Safe Digging Month”. Mrs. Bertha Baert -Supervisor of Construction Services-Flint Energies contacted Director of Operations Brumfield to have item on agenda and recognize April as Safe Digging Month.

Approval of Bid “Purchase New Vehicle For Storm Water Department”: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield reported this is a budgeted item and provided (3) bids for consideration. Recommending accept the bid from Ford Brannen in Perry, Ga., for the amount of \$ 48,676, will move \$10,000 from supplies line item to equipment line item.

Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve bid from Ford Brannen; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

GICH Points Recommendation: Councilman Bird recognized Director of Economic Development Bryant. Mrs. Bryant reported the housing team is bringing the recommendation to Mayor and Council. A letter has been prepared for Mayor Harley’s signature.

Motion made by Councilman Bird to award points; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Councilman Evans inquired if there were additional projects for consideration. Mrs. Bryant confirmed, however, the other projects were not selected and were notified and applicants withdrew their application. Mrs. Bryant reminded all that this is contingent on DCA accepting the project. Councilman Wright asked what is the likelihood of the project would be considered. Mrs. Bryant stated outside factors that we don’t have control can put us in a middle space and do not favor as well. The scoring process takes in account different factors for consideration.

Mayor Harley thanked Mrs. Bryant for all of her efforts on the housing team. Mrs. Bryant publicly recognized MGRC (Middle Georgia Regional Commission) for creating the scoring process and grateful for their partnership.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, stated the food truck Friday was a good event.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, informed everyone that his daughter and wife came out for the event at the park on Saturday, enjoyed meeting the Fire and Police officers, a good event all around.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, agreed, great event, appreciate all of the employees that were on staff.

Mayor Harley, stated he had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the Health Department, great facility, double the size, met the staff, encouraged all to go and visit. Reminder: May 3 grand opening of Splash Pad and Food Truck Friday.

Executive Session Personnel Matter and Potential Litigation: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Evans to enter into executive session at 5:17 pm; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 6:25pm.

Affidavit and Resolution: Motion made to adopt resolution as written by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. City Attorney Tydings read affidavit. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Mayor John Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date