

Council Work Session

December 17, 2024

5:00pm

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

Invocation given by Councilman Justin Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman J. Micheal Evans.

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, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, City Administrator Krista Bedingfield; absent from meeting Councilman Edward Armijo.

Public Comments

- There are no public comments tonight.

Old Business

- There is no old business tonight.

New Business

Presentation-Annual Lighted Christmas Parade Winners - Best in Category: Event Coordinator, Tess Chambers, as well as, Mayor and Council presented the following winners in five different categories with awards:

Commercial Business: The Art of Lawn Care, present Rodrigo Gomez Cruz and Jose M Gomez.
Non-Commercial (Civic Organization or Club): Centerville Lions Club, no representative present.
Church or Religious Group: Crew Ministry Houston County, present Lisa Willis.
Youth (School Group or Youth Club): NHS Theater Troupe 2892, present Michaela Tignor.
Mayor's Choice (Highest Score): Southern Santa of Houston County, no representative present.

Resolution-Local Legislation Technology Fee: Court Clerk, Sara McCarthy requested the resolution to be adopted by Mayor and Council, so that the city will be in compliance with upcoming state legislation. City Attorney, Rebecca Tydings has been working with Representative Bethany Ballard and council on this matter. A motion was made by Councilman Wright and a second was given by Councilman Evans to adopt. Motion was carried. Unanimous.

Public Hearing and Ordinance-Rezoning 2.08 acres Houston County Parcel 0C0220 016000: Councilman Justin Wright and Director of Operations Mike Brumfield proposed that the parcel be rezoned from R1 to C2, General Commercial. All legal documents have been received by the city and the P & Z board. There was one concerned residence in attendance at the P & Z Board meeting who voiced concerns, however, the P&Z Board voted unanimous to rezone the parcel as written. There were notations that two of the board members did share some of the same concerns held by the resident, and suggested passing with restrictions. Mr. Robert Moore, civil engineer on behalf of the project, was in attendance at Council Work Session. He informed the Mayor and Council that the structure was to be a gas station with an

attached strip mall for potential retail shops. Centerville resident, Bob Kovarovic, 114 Sentry Oaks Dr., expressed his concern for the added traffic that the new structure could cause to an already highly congested area. Mayor acknowledged Mr. Kovarovic's concerns, and added that the city would arrange for more monitoring in the area. Councilman Wright clarified that the request was only for the rezoning of the parcel and not specific developments. He also noted that the resolution falls legally within those perimeters allowed by law. Motion was made by Councilman Wright, and a second was given by Councilman Bird. Motion was carried. Unanimous.

Mayor closes Council Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 5:09pm.

Mayor closes Public Hearing and reconvenes Council Meeting at 5:13pm.

Approval for the Purchase of AMR 2.0 Drive-by-Solution (Tier 2 with Meters and SmartPoint):

Councilman Justin Wright and Utility Superintendent Chris Coleman sought approval for the purchase of package Tier 2 which includes 960 meters and radio reading software to update metering systems which will more accurately measure water sales. The total expected cost will be \$324,546.83 which will come from the Water and Sewer Fund, and should be recouped within two years. Motion was made by Councilman Wright, and a second was given by Councilman Bird. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Bid Award Construction of Recycle Center: Councilman Justin Wright and Utility Superintendent Chris Coleman requested that we move forward with construction of the new Recycle Center; announcing that Renfro Construction Co., LLC has been awarded the bid and out of four bids received, they were the lowest coming in at \$379,010.32. Funds have been set aside in SPLOST 24 for the site work, with the remaining balance to be paid from the Recycling & Waste Diversion Grant. Motion was made by Councilman Wright, and a second was given by Councilman Bird. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Comments from Council: Post1-Councilman Bird expressed his appreciation to all those who attended and participated in this year's Centerville Lighted Christmas Parade last weekend. He expressed how fun it was to be a part of the event and see everyone, but wishes he could watch the whole parade too. Post2-None. Post3-Councilman Evans, agreed and expressed his appreciation to all who helped and participated as well, and mentioned he had received positive community feedback regarding the parade. Mayor Harley announced that he would be retiring/resigning from his position as Mayor of Centerville, effective December 31, 2024, due to personal reasons. He reflected on his tenure, expressing gratitude to citizens, council, and staff for their support and achievements over these last 15 years of service to the City of Centerville.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:24pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Justin Wright

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date