

Council Work Session

November 19, 2024

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

Invocation given by Councilman Robert D. Bird Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Attorney, Rebecca Tydings.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor John R. Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo, City Attorney Rebecca Tydings, absent City Administrator Krista Bedingfield.

1. Rules of Decorum: Mayor Harley acknowledged rules but did not read as there were no public members in attendance.

Public Comments

2. Forest Glen Neighborhood Concerns: Angela “Missy” Ayers, 101 Cedar Glen Ct
Did not attend meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

3. FYE 2024 Audit Presentation – Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA’s & Advisors: Mayor Harley introduced David Irwin, Partner, at Mauldin & Jenkins, the city’s external auditors. Mr. Irwin read from the “Auditors Discussion and Analysis” giving an independent overview of this year’s audit opinion which was a clean or unmodified opinion.
4. Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA Presentation: Mayor Harley introduced Chief Jason Jones and Bridgett Monroe, MDA. Mrs. Monroe discussed the benefits from the money raised by the Centerville Fire Department with the boot drives and annual golf tournament. Total funds raised for 2023 was \$16,500. Mrs. Moore presented the “Golden Ax” Award to Chief Jones and Fire Department.
5. 2024 Check Presentation to Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA: Mayor and Council, Chief Jason Jones and the firefighters in attendance presented a check in the amount of \$15,700 to MDA.
6. Point of Information-Employee Christmas Bonus: Mayor Harley announced that a Christmas bonus for all city employees was approved as a part of the FY2025 budget and will be processed in the next paycheck.
7. Approval of Expenditure Water & Sewer-Hydro Excavator: Motion made by Councilman Justin Wright to approve expenditure from Hi-Vac Corporation in the amount of \$67,895. This was a budgeted expenditure for Water & Sewer. A second was given by Councilman J. Micheal Evans. Motion was carried.

Comments from Council: Post1-None. Post2-None. Post3-Councilman Evans expressed appreciation and commended the City Accountant, Mrs. Carol Harrison and staff for their excellent work, resulting in such a good audit report. Post4-Councilman Armijo agreed and congratulated City Accountant, Mrs. Carol Harrison & Department Heads for their hard work. Councilman Armijo recognized the nice

display for Veteran's Day that was setup at City Hall by Tess Chambers and his appreciation for it being highlighted in the local paper. Councilman Armijo extended holiday wishes and mentioned preparations for the upcoming Centerville Lighted Christmas Parade. Mayor Harley announced that the council chambers will be installing new chairs and carpet by next April, to replace the current, which has served its purpose for the last 21 years. Mayor Harley extended a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and wished all a safe and happy holiday.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: Mayor Harley entertained motion to enter into executive session at 5:28pm. Motion made by Councilman Justin Wright; seconded by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 6:00pm.

Affidavit and Resolution: City Attorney Tydings read affidavit.

Motion to approve made by Councilman Justin Wright; seconded by Councilman J. Micheal Evans. Motion carried. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 6:01pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date