

Regular Council Meeting

April 7, 2026

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Invocation by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Justin Wright.

Present were Mayor J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe, Councilman Edward Armijo, and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings; absent City Administrator Krista Bedingfield.

Welcome Extended by Mayor J. Micheal Evans to all those in attendance and on social media at the meeting.

Mayor's Moment

Proclamation National Safe Digging Month (April 2026): Mayor J. Micheal Evans read the proclamation which designated the month of April as Centerville Safe Digging Month. Recognizing awareness regarding the importance of contacting 811 before digging to avoid damaging underground infrastructure, prevent service interruptions, environmental harm, and threats to public safety.

Public Comments

No public comments made.

Adoption of Minutes

March 3, 2026; Regular Council Meeting

March 13, 2026; Planning Retreat

Motion to approve the minutes as written given by Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. Second by Councilwoman Velicia Y. Lowe. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Old Business

No old business.

New

MOU with Houston County – Carl Vinson LMIG project: Mayor J. Micheal Evans clarified the road project area as being Carl Vinson Parkway, from Watson Boulevard to north side of Elberta Road, establishing the size and vast amount of road being repaved. Mayor J. Micheal Evans acknowledged the great relationship the city has with Houston County and Chairman Perdue.

Understanding this project's significant funding requirements, Houston County proposed to partner with the city to help get this million dollar project completed. Mayor J. Micheal Evans turned over discussions to Utilities Superintendent Chris Coleman to elaborate on the following key points:

- A 100 percent of the 2026 LMIG funds (\$122,736.76) will be paid to the county, along with a 30 percent match totaling \$159,557.79.
- The remaining balance being paid by Houston County; total project estimated at around \$1,000,000.

City Attorney, Rebecca Tydings noted that the county has already adopted and signed the execution of this agreement.

Motion to approve the MOU with Houston County was given by Councilman Justin Wright. Second by Councilman Edward Armijo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Comments from Council

Post 1: Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr. offered his appreciation to the city staff and Department Heads for their hard work and dedication to keeping the city running effectively. Councilman Bird offered his appreciation to Houston County for offering and approving to partner with the city on the Carl Vinson road project.

Post2: Councilman Justin Wright had no comments.

Post3: Councilwoman Velicia Lowe acknowledged that the second full week in April is National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week. And recognized Centerville Animal Control Officer, Terry Wright, offering thanks for his long standing service with the City of Centerville and appreciation for the work he does each day. Councilwoman Lowe shared that April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, and this Friday, April 10th, at Centerville City Hall at 10am, will host our annual proclamation signing and pinwheel planting ceremony (open to the public). To recognize our support and efforts of advocacy for abused and neglected children in our community.

Post4: Councilman Edward Armijo acknowledged and offered appreciation to the city's Public Works employees, who recently came to the aid of a citizen on Monteigo Court, who encountered a flooding issue during our last rainstorm. Councilman Armijo recognized and offered his thanks to Utility Superintendent, Chris Coleman, for not only being on scene, but for putting together the proper plan to resolve the issue and provide reassurance to the homeowner.

Mayor: J. Micheal Evans offered transparency by reminding the public that the agenda material was available on-site and online for review. He acknowledged and offered appreciation to the city's Public Works' employees, mentioning he had received a letter of appreciation from a citizen's son offering thanks to the employees that came to the aid of his father Sunday evening and Monday morning. He's father recently experienced a broken faucet in the front of his home, and was unable to get the water shut-off. The gentlemen contacted the City's "after hours" service number Sunday evening, and utility department employee, Zach Smith responded to him right away, successfully turning off the water. The next morning, Mr. Smith, along with fellow employees, Landon Andrews and Shelden Hicks, returned to the residence and fully resolved issue. Mayor J. Micheal Evans offered his appreciation to these utility workers, as well as, Utility Superintendent Chris Coleman, for the extra efforts that they put into serving our community and resolving issues effectively and efficiently for the citizens of Centerville.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Lee Siefert

Date