

Council Work Session

October 15, 2024

Mayor Harley called to meeting at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Jones.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

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

Rules of Decorum: Mayor Harley read rules.

Public Comments

Forest Glen Neighborhood Concerns: Angela “Missie” Ayers, 101 Cedar Glen Ct: Established a neighborhood watch, the catalyst was the gun shooting and homeless. Have seen more of a police presence in the neighborhood. The shooting isn’t every single night, but when it does happen and more of them. Not sure what steps are being taken with Sheriff Departments. Trying to inform any events in Centerville, want to be more of a neighborhood watch vs police forcing. Have meetings every month, will be getting a monthly report. Will also be bringing forward pot holes and lights out. Hoping we can grow and be stronger, as far as the shooting go, we are still very concerned. What else can we do, we have met with Bryan Wise with homeless coalition, didn’t realize that some of the governing authority may be on that board. A lot of drug dealing going on in the area, people coming out of the Brown Drive area.

Mayor Harley informed Mrs. Ayers to contact the water department of any streets light out in the area. Have been a member of the homeless coalition for a long time, concerned about this situation. Thanked her for coming to the meeting and talking to us.

Councilman Armijo thanked Mrs. Ayers for establishing the neighborhood watch. As long as we continue to work, we are heading in that direction. Appreciate Chief Duncan and police working with them.

Councilman Evans, stated we will continue to work with the area and Chief Duncan will let you know what is going on in the area.

Chief Duncan, requested for pictures so he can to send over to the Sheriff’s Department.

Mrs. Ayers, thanked the Chief.

Old Business

None

New Business

Proclamation Mayor’s Reading Club Day: Mayor Harley read proclamation. Rotary club created a reading program and visit Centerville Elementary and read to the children. October 26, 2024

is declared as Mayor's Reading Club Day in conjunction with the Fall Festival. There will be different times during the day that Mayor Harley will read to children visiting the festival.

Amendment - City Administrator Contract: Mayor Harley entertained motion to approve amendment to contract changing the effective date from November 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024. Motion made by Councilman Evans to approve; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Approval Job Descriptions: Director of Operations Brumfield presented motion to approve job descriptions with the effective date of December 1, 2024 for the Utilities Superintendent position.

- Light Equipment Operator
- Utilities Superintendent

Point of Information - Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant, Limitation of Use Affidavit: Harley recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison stated the affidavit is saying that once the project is complete and then the park would have to be use for recreation purposes forever. This will be recorded at the Superior Court Office. Motion to approve by Councilman Evans to sign document; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Councilman Armijo Post 4, stated we have beautiful weather outside. Thanked the community for helping those in the state of Georgia that have suffered from the hurricane. Speaks volumes in general how caring we are as human beings. Keep them in our prayers. Reminder, don't forget to vote.

Councilman Evans Post 3, prayers go out to all of those effected through the South East with the hurricane, appreciate those people that have helping. Have noticed the big utility trucks, helping those people in Florida. Americans are giving people.

Mayor Harley, mentioned that he is award of 2 groups that have helped North Carolina, keep up the good work.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:28pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Lee L. Siefert

Date