

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – DECEMBER 23, 2019

The December 23, 2019 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton. Present were Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Mayor Booker T. Gainor and Councilman Demario Byrden were absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Dana Barfield. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 9, 2019 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Implementation of TSPLOST Referendum, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Resolution. City Manager Addleton informed the Council that the City of Cairo and Grady County would be meeting January 7th to kick off the TSPLOST where the referendum and a list of projects would be discussed. Information was provided for the Council to review and would be discussed in further detail at the January 13th meeting. Councilman Douglas asked if Phase 8 and 9 would be rolled into the TSPLOST if it passed with City Manager Addleton answering yes. Councilman Douglas also asked if we would still have regular SPLOST funds available if the TSPLOST did not pass; City Manager Addleton stated that we did not have much left for paving at this time. Councilman Douglas stated that under the other potential uses, he thought that the street sweeper would be a good addition since they were so expensive, as well as building a terminal at the airport. He also thought that Long Branch Church Road should be deeded back to the county since we have no city residence living there at this time. Councilman Cox asked would we have a discussion on paving priority.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Annex Property Located on U. S. Highway 84 West. Motion to approve property annexation was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone Property located on U. S. Highway 84 West to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). Motion to approve property rezoning was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider discussion of Timing for the FY2019 Financial Audit by Valenti, Rackley, & Associates. City Manager Addleton stated that he spoke with Nick Valenti and he was not able to complete a draft and present the completed audit to the Council but is hoping to get one together by the January 13th meeting so that he can present it to the Council and then submit it to the state. Mr. Valenti informed City Manager Addleton that he spoke with the state and it would be okay for him to submit it at that time.

Consider Resolution to Update and Adopt The City of Cairo Housing Plan. Motion to approve Resolution was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) **Reports from City Manager:** None

2.) **Reports from Mayor and Council:** None

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

LANNIS THORNTON, MAYOR PRO TEM

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK