

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 12, 2020

The October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Howard Thrower, III. Present were Councilmen Demario Byrden, Jerry Cox, Sr., James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Manager Chris Addleton, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Marketing Director Alyssa Blakely. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 28, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit – Tent Revival at 514 8th Street SW, November 6, 2020 thru November 10, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Jim Reese – Applicant. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

Consider Special Event Permit – Fun Day in the Park at Davis Park, Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Organizing for Grady County – Barbara M. Lowe – Applicant. Ms. Lowe stated that the event would be a grab and go type of event and they would make sure everyone was participating in social distancing. In order to receive a bag they must wear a mask if they are not they will be given one before they enter around the event. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present.

Consider Special Event Permit – Drive Thru Trunk or Treat in Parking Lot Behind Roddenbery Memorial Library, Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Roddenbery Memorial Library/Patsy Pallone – Applicant. Councilman Douglas was concerned about using three police officers because the Police Chief would have to call in overtime staff to handle the event. Ms. Patsy Pallone stated that if it was a problem they could use the volunteers they already had for the event. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered Adoption of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2020. Motion to approve Ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present.

Considered 2020 application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License – American Legion Post #544, 1705 M. L. K. Blvd. SW, Larry C. Stephens – Applicant. Motion to approve Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present.

Consider Reappointment of Charles Stafford to the Cairo Development Authority. Motion to approve reappointment was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

Consider Reappointment of Charles Stafford to the Joint Development Authority. Motion to approve reappointment was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

REPORTS:

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1. Consider Departmental Reports for September 2020.

- Councilman Cox questioned why there were no addresses on the Fire Department's reports anymore. City Manager Addleton stated he would check with the Fire Chief as to why.

2. Reports From City Manager:

- We received a check from the Department of Revenue that was a sales tax refund for the MacIvor Water Plant Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$108,293. The Sales Tax Specialist of Georgia was able to get this sales tax back for us and was also about to get us about \$125,000 back on the airport.
- The staff has been working hard going through a software conversion. Last week payroll completed a parallel payroll and will be going through a user acceptance. We will be going live November 9th.
- Last Saturday we sent a 5 man electric crew to assist Gueydan, LA. They have been hit fairly hard twice and they are working really hard.
- October 21st at 11:00 am, we will be hosting DCA Dist. 10 Recognition Ceremony. They are recognizing some of the communities that have been awarded various grants.

3. Reports From Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cox stated that there are no parking restrictions on 1st Street NW beside Police Department.
- Councilman Byrden said that the crews done a great job digging out the ditches on Pine Circle SW, but they also need to be dug out to the west.
- Mayor Thrower wanted to remind everyone that Cairo was granted its Charter as a town 150 years ago on October 28, 1870.

ADJOURN: At 6:29 pm motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK