

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 26, 2020

The October 26, 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, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. 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 Gwaltney.

RECOGNITION OF PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE CAIRO SESQUICENTENNIAL. - Mayor Thrower recognized Elwyn and Yvonne Childs as special guests, stating that when he took office as Mayor, Mrs. Childs reminded him that this year would be the City of Cairo's sesquicentennial and that we needed to do something big. Mayor Thrower continued to say that although we cannot do a big celebration this year we could offer a Proclamation. Mayor Thrower then introduced Senator Dean Burke, State Representative Darlene Taylor and Congressman Sanford Bishop, and then read the Proclamation for the sesquicentennial. Congressman Bishop was welcomed and read the Congressional Record that would be recorded in congress in honor of the Cairo Sesquicentennial. Following Congressman Bishop, Senator Burke, Representative Taylor and Former Mayor Booker Gainor addressed the audience congratulating the City of Cairo on such a monumental occasion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit –Caravan and Meal Afterwards, Start and End Location at Azalea Park on November 1, 2020 from 1:15 pm to 3:45 pm, Grady County Democratic Party/Margaret Tyson– Applicant. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered Purchase of Flood Zone Property Located at 422 6th Street NW, Owned by Jimmy Kelley. Councilman Douglas asked if the property would be purchased with City funds. City Manager Addleton responded yes, that the FEMA grant money we had from Tropical Storm Faye in 2010 had lapsed. Councilman Cox asked if this property was the final piece of flood zoned property or was there one more piece that needed to be purchased. City Manager Addleton responded that there was one more structure that he would like to purchase but the owner was not willing to sell at this time. Motion to approve purchase of property located at 422 6th Street NW was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

Considered Application for the New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Application- ELI Cairo, LLC/Save-A-Lot Food Stores #21337 – Beer and Wine Retail Package, 429 2nd Avenue SE – Eli Mazon, Applicant. Motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

REPORTS:

1. Reports From City Manager:

- D. C. A. Commissioner was here last Wednesday, we were awarded a \$750,000 C. D. B. G. for a water project on the southwest part of the city along the west side of Broad Street. We should start early summer of 2021.

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- This week is Red Ribbon Week, there will be prayer at the Courthouse Wednesday at 12:00 pm.
- Roddenbery Memorial is having their drive-thru trick or treat Thursday at 3:00 pm.
- We are going live Nov. 9th on our financial software.
- House behind Seafood House is due to come down on Oct. 28.

2. Reports From Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton expressed his concerns about litter all over the city. Stating that the City Employees do a good job cleaning it up, but as soon as you go back by the cleaned area it is littered again. He asked if the Police Department could do something more or if something could be published in the newspaper.
- Councilman Byrden asked about repairs to the sidewalks on S. Broad Street, with City Manager Addleton responding that repairs could not be done until work was completed with the C. D. B. G. project because they would have to dig areas up along the sidewalks and would not want to do repairs on newly completed sidewalks.
- Mayor Thrower recognized Jim York and Benjamin York from the Boy Scout Troop of Whigham.

ADJOURN: At 6:27 pm motion was made by Councilman Cox to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK