

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 23, 2020

The November 23, 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 and City Clerk Dana Barfield, City Manager Chris Addleton was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Thrower.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, 2020 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Consider Special Event Permit –Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ at City Hall Park on Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, James Bryan Lewis – Applicant.** Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

**Consider Special Event Permit –Voter Registration and Education at Holder Park on Saturday, December 5, 2020 and Saturday December 12, 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Organizing for Grady County/Barbara McDuffie-Lowe – Applicant.** Motion to approve the Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Considered Resolution to Change the Authorized Certifying Official for Community Development Block Grant 19p-x-065-2-6115 for Southwest Cairo Water System Improvements from Mayor Pro Tem Jerry L. Cox to Mayor Howard Thrower, III.** Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

**Considered Conflict of Interest Issue Pertaining to Community Development Block Grant 19p-x-065-2-6115 for Southwest Cairo Water System Improvements.** Councilman Byrden excused himself from the council panel while discussion was made concerning the conflict of interest. Motion to resolve the Conflict of Interest Issue Pertaining to Community Development Block Grant 19p-x-065-2-6115 for Southwest Cairo Water System Improvements was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all voting Council Members.

**Considered Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – Beer and Wine, Retail Package, AKK LLC/dba OM, 311 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Cairo, Kalpeshkomar V. Patel – Applicant.** Motion to approve the New Alcoholic Beverage License was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Reports From City Manager:**

- None

**2. Reports From Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Thornton, Gwaltney, and Cox wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked that everyone continue to keep themselves safe.
- Councilman Byrden thanked Organizing for Grady County for all they have done in helping citizens getting registered in the community. He also wanted to remind everyone to stay safe and healthy.

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- Mayor Thrower read a letter from Senator Loeffler congratulating the City on its sesquicentennial. Mayor Thrower also updated the Council on a meeting that he had concerning Habitat for Humanity with Rich Massa who would like to establish a Southwest Georgia Habitat. He then asked the Council if they felt it would be a good idea to start Habitat for Humanity back up in our community and if so he would have Mr. Massa come and speak to the Council. The general consensus of the meeting was in agreement to have the program restarted and Mr. Massa come and discuss the program.

**ADJOURN:** At 6:13 pm motion was made by Councilman Thornton to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR**

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**DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK**