

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – DECEMBER 9, 2019

The November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Booker T. Gainor. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Demario Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, and James H. Douglas. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, Assistant City Clerk Carol Boyd, Finance Director Miriam Faircloth, and Administrative Assistant Kathy Steedley. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Gainor.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 25, 2019 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members except Councilman Douglas who abstained since he was absent from the November 25th meeting.

DELEGATIONS:

Nick Valenti of Valenti, Rackley & Associates – Financial Audit. – Nick Valenti from Valdosta, GA informed the Mayor and Council that he and his colleagues were still currently working on the audit for the City. The audit is due December 31, 2019 and they are prepared to have it completed and ready for submission before then. They are receiving excellent cooperation and assistance from the management and staff of the City. At this time the audit is approximately eighty percent complete. Mr. Valenti informed the Council that he felt like he thought they could complete the audit by Monday before Christmas. Councilman Douglas stated that he and the Finance Committee would like to review the report before it was presented to the Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING-Rezoning request from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) at the location of 701 6th Avenue NW; identified on County tax map C7, parcel 31.1. Owners: Adrian Duncan and Shauntane Jackson. No public input.

Consider Rezoning request from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) at the location of 701 6th Avenue NW; identified on County tax map C7, parcel 31.1. Owners: Adrian Duncan and Shauntane Jackson. Motion to approve property rezoning was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Considered Adoption of Ordinance to Amend the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. Motion to approve Alcohol Beverage Ordinance was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone Parcel from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 201 5th Street S. E.; Identified on County tax map C27, parcel 75.1. Owner: BEC Properties, LLC (Linda Collins). Motion to approve Ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Introduction of Ordinance to Annex Property located on U. S. Highway 84 West. Ordinance was introduced.

Consider Introduction of Ordinance to Establish the Zoning of the Property located on U. S. Highway 84 West to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). Ordinance was introduced.

Consider Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Agreement. This agreement will be for the SWGRC to complete a housing study in our area. We will also be splitting this agreement with Grady County.

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Consider 2020 City Council Meeting Calendar. Motion to approve Council Meeting Calendar was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Videotaping or Live Streaming of Council Meetings. Motion to approve Videotaping or Live Streaming of Council Meetings was made by Councilman Byrden. Motion failed to pass due to a lack of a second.

Consider Roddenbery Memorial Library Board Appointees. Councilman Douglas made a motion to appoint Ms. Nicole LaMoute to the City's two year term, the motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and approved unanimously by all Council Members. Councilman Douglas also made a motion to appoint Mrs. Fran McCaskill to the City's three year term, the motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed with Councilman Cox also voting for approval. Councilman Byrden was in opposition of the appointment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Consider Departmental Reports for the Month of November 2019.

- Councilman Douglas commented that the payroll for the Police department looked high and requested it to be double checked.

2.) Reports from City Manager:

- Introduced new Administrative Assistant Kathy Steedley
- CSX will have Broad Street railroad tracks closed Wednesday at 8:00 am until Friday at 8:00 am.
- City Christmas Luncheon will be Friday at 12:00 noon.
- Fire Department's Christmas Dinner will be Monday, December 16 at 6:00 pm

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Byrden expressed his concern about the lack of support the live streaming received.
- Attorney Lehman asked what the opinion of Airbnb was from the Council. He asked several questions that he wanted the Council to think about as to what they would allow for an Airbnb. For example how many rooms, how long of a stay, the number of persons that someone would be allowed to host, what zoning area would they be allowed in, etc.
- Mayor Gainor commented on how great the Christmas Parade was this year.
- Mayor Gainor also stated that sidewalks on S. Broad Street near Ameris Bank need repairing.
- Mayor Gainor said that a citizen brought to his attention that a semi-truck came thru on 12th Avenue NW going to US Highway 84 W and damaged a street sign.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK