

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 13, 2019

The May 13, 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, Council Members Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Demario J. Byrden joined the meeting at 6:10. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Erik 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 present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 22, 2019 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for Cairo First Baptist Church VBS - Road Closure (6th Ave., NW from N. Broad St. to 1st St., NW) on June 16-20, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Jennifer Woodward, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Project Completion 16p-x-065-2-5839 - 15th Street Neighborhood Street and Drainage Improvements Benefiting 85 Residents. There were no comments from the public.

Sales Tax Resolution to Request Information from the Ga. Dept. of Revenue and Designate a City Official (Dana Barfield) to Obtain Information. (To compare the City's Occupational Tax Certificates against a list of current taxpayers from Dept. of Revenue as recommended by GMA). After discussion, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution Calling For an Election to Impose a County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The document had already been approved by the County Commission. Upon passage, the proceeds would be divided between the County and Cities of Cairo and Whigham according to population based on the 2010 Census, with pro rata shares the same as the current SPLOST, County – 59.7%, Cairo – 38.4%, and Whigham 1.9%. Each entity had developed a projects list. Cairo's list (Estimated at \$6,912,000) consisted of improvements for drinking water, wastewater, drainage and stormwater, buildings and parks, public safety and public works

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equipment, and payment of previously incurred debt. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Official Action on Landfill West Property Purchase - County Tax Map 53, Parcel 5 from Richard Jones - 12 acres - \$80,875; and Map 53, Parcel 9.1 from James T. Willis - 4 acres - \$28,500. City Manager Addleton requested approval of the purchase of property adjoining the Landfill that was needed for dirt to be used in the closing of the Landfill. Councilman Douglas confirmed that these two properties would be paid for out of the Landfill Restricted Acct, with Councilmen Cox and Thornton commenting that there was really no other choice but to obtain the tracts. Motion to approve the purchases was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Notice of Award of Bid and Contract Agreement for GDOT FY 2019 Off-System Safety LMIG Grant to be used for Roadway Striping Improvements. City Manager Addleton reported that only one bid had been received – Peek Pavement Marking, LLC in the amount of \$23,297.50, with the City's 30% share to be \$6,989.25. After discussion, motion to award the bid to Peek and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Councilman Byrden joined the meeting at this time.

Approval of Slate of Officers for GMA District 10. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the slate of officers nominated and submit the list to GMA, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

GMA Voting Delegate Assignment Form for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Cox to nominate City Manager Addleton as the City's voting delegate, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Rescheduling the Regular Council Meeting on May 27, 2019 to May 28, 2019 due to Memorial Day Holiday. After review, motion to approve the rescheduling was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Addendum:

1.) Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request for a Quick-Service Food Store (Sec. 22-203) in the Central Business District (CBD) at 330 North Broad Street identified as County Tax Map C20, Parcel 24 – Applicant: PM Real Estate Holdings, LLC (Phillip Drew). There were no comments made by the public. The hearing was closed.

2.) Conditional Use Request from PM Real Estate Holdings, LLC. Both the Cairo Planning Commission and SWGRC had reviewed the request and both recommended approval, with the SWGRC's recommendation being subject to submittal and approval of a general site plan. Atty. Lehman asked about parking spaces, with Mr. Drew responding that he had parking on both sides of the building and in the back, adding that he was not enlarging his building but

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was closing in part of it and might put in a small deli and install a new sign. After discussion, motion to approve the conditional use, subject to proper site plan approval by Building Official Hayes, was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Reports:

1.) Consider Departmental Reports for the Month of April 2019. Council Members discussed the reports, with Councilman Cox noting that he had gotten complaints of speeders in neighborhoods and asked what could possibly be done to slow people down and asking if the Police Dept. had one of the portable speed monitors. Regarding the Nuisance/Abatement Report, City Manager Addleton noted that the item dated August 10th was being worked on by the owner; but would be presented to the Council if reasonable progress was not made. Councilman Cox also commented on the commercial security light maintenance by the Energy Services Dept.

2.) Financial Reports for the Months of February and March 2019. Councilman Douglas reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the reports, with some adjustments still needing to be made when the Audit Report information was received. He made motion to approve both the reports, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

3.) Reports from City Manager:

- A Teleconference was held with UGA Archway students regarding a conceptual design for Southern Terrace Park and the downtown pocket parks.
- The Antique Car Rally had been a success.
- A Pre-construction meeting for the Grant Ave. Project was set for Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
- The RFP for Auditing services pre-bid meeting was to be held Friday.
- The Employee Health Screening was to be held May 21st.

4.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Douglas pointed out that the grass needed cutting on Hwy. 84, and dirt was piled up around the storm drains. He also asked how long Taylor Waste's contract allowed him before picking up furniture, mattresses, etc. City Manager Addleton noted that an ordinance had been put in place to address that. Councilman Douglas suggested that Taylor Waste pick up small loads more often and store them at the Landfill until a large load could be transported. Council Members discussed putting a container outside the Landfill fence for customers to use or running the problem of household goods piled on the right-of-way through nuisance abatement as possible solutions. Councilman Douglas asked about the status of the Hammett/20th Street matter, with Atty. Lehman stating that the paperwork was ready to file.
- Mayor Gainor reported that he was working with a committee to make the 2020 Census successful. He reported that he had also presented awards from the Mayor and Council to the CHS Valedictorian Ian Beatty and Salutatorian Thomas Jones. He asked for an update on the Utility penalty

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matter, with Atty. Lehman responding that he was not ready to make a recommendation. Mayor Gainor stated that, according to Rusi Patel at GMA, only State law could override an ordinance. He also referred to a program that had been implemented in Blakely that he would like for Cairo to consider for utility payments and passed out information.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A Budget Workshop meeting was held immediately after the Regular Meeting.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR