

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

The September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Booker T. Gainor presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Demario Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Staff Members in attendance were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman and HR Director Sandra Roberts. City Manager Chris Addleton was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Gainor.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – August 26, 2019. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Gainor presented a proclamation to Mr. Bryceton Barrett, a participant in the Gear Up Program. Mr. Barrett was described as a stand out student. Ms. Dawn Harrison, a representative of Gear Up gave a brief explanation of the program. A proclamation was also presented to Mrs. LaFaye Copeland for her service to the city and county over the last several years. Lastly, a proclamation was presented in recognition of Suicide Prevention Week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2019. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Abate the Nuisance (Overgrowth) at 300 13th Avenue SW – Jackie Brooks, Owner. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed by all Council Members.

Consider Changes to the Verizon Wireless Agreement. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the changes to the Verizon Wireless Agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Byrden and passed by all Council Members.

Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Business – Beer and Wine, Retail Package – 1390 MLK Jr. Ave SW (previously Butler’s Grocery) – Nayan Pate, Applicant. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the application for alcoholic beverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License -Change of Owner - Beer and Wine, Retail Package – 1001 5th Street NE – Chandan Pandey, Applicant. Motion to approve the license was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Bryden and passed by all Council Members.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

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Mayor Gainor updated the Council on the Director of Marketing position. He read an email from City Manager Addleton that explained that Alissa Blakely from the City of Pelham had accepted the position and would begin working on September 30th.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL.

Councilman Byrden and Gwaltney and Mayor Gainor congratulated Bryceton Barrett on his accomplishments.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

BOOKER T. GAINOR
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SANDRA ROBERTS