

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The February 24, 2020 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 Jerry L. Cox, Demario Byrden, James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Dana Barfield. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Booker T. Gainor.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Jake M. Poller – American Legion Post #122, R. Tom Brown (Commander) – Consider Install of POW/MIA Flags, to be Permanently Placed/Flown at (3) City Cemeteries Below Each of the Existing American Flags (Legion Maintained). Mr. Tom Brown of 133 Oakdale Road, Cairo, GA explained to the Mayor and Council that the American Legion Post #122 would like to put POW/MIA Flags underneath the existing flags at all City Cemeteries. These flags would be five feet by eight inches each and would be representing roughly fifteen million members across the United States as well as those that have not yet come home. Mr. Brown told the Council they felt like it was the right thing and the noble thing to do. He also stated that the American Legion Post #122 would maintain and up keep all flags and were just seeking the Council's blessing before moving forward. Councilman Douglas stated that originally the American Legion Post #122 was going to put a flag up at Crestview Cemetery once the flag pole was erected, was that still the plan? Mr. Brown responded that their budget year started in June and they had budgeted three flags, but they would put it on the agenda and take care of it. Motion to approve the American Legion Post #122 placing POW/MIA flags at the City Cemeteries was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Jake M. Poller – American Legion Post #122, R. Tom Brown (Commander) – Consider Naming of 5th Street SE/2nd Avenue NE “Fly – Over” Bridge to “Veterans Memorial Bridge”. Mr. Tom Brown of 133 Oakdale Road, Cairo, GA stated that renaming the bridge would honor all Veterans, those serving now, those who will serve in the future and those who have served in the past. What we are asking for is an endorsement from the city, which we think it will take for state legislature because we know highway 93 is part of a state highway. Motion to approve Resolution for renaming bridge was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit – Chamber of Commerce 5K Run/Walk, March 21, 2020 from 7 am - 10 am, Chamber of Commerce/Trey Gainous - Applicant. Motion to approve the special event was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Entitled “Zoning” of the City of Cairo Code of Ordinances; To Permit Bed and Breakfast/Short Term Rental Units in Certain Zoning Districts; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for an Effective Date and for Other Purposes. – Mayor and Council considered ordinance and discussed wording.

Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License - New Application – The Cairo City Grill – Beer and Wine Retail Consumption on Premises, 124 S Broad Street – Teresa Dawn Facchini, Applicant. - Motion to approve new alcoholic beverage license was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

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Consider Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Application – PMJ Food Mart – Beer and Wine Retail Package, 1250 US HWY 84 E, Cairo- Monika Patel, Applicant. - Motion to approve new alcoholic beverage license was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Consider Financial Report for the Month of September 2019.

Motion to approve Financial Report for the Month of September 2019 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

2.) Reports from City Manager:

- Discussed speaking with Matt Brock the Director of Tracks with CSX concerning the railroad tracks on S. Broad Street.
- Also discussed new plants at the Highway 84 East sign that were donated by Flowerwood Nursery. There has been a lot of work in the Cairo Cemetery completed as well, several trees and shrubs have been taken down. Monrovia donated Magnolia trees that were planted as well.
- Every three years the City Employees go through a defensive driving course and that will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week, it is sponsored by our Risk Management Insurance.
- Thursday, March 27th at the Grady Cultural Center, Climb - Energy Industry Expo will have a demonstration at two different sessions one at 9:00 am – 11:00am and the second at 12:00 – 2:00pm.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Mayor Gainor asked if the Council would be interested in participating in the Land Banking Creation Program that he mentioned last meeting.
- Councilman Cox stated that there was a manhole lid in front of 1315 13th Ave NW that needs asphalt put around it.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JERRY L. COX, MAYOR PRO TEM

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK