

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 26, 2020

The May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Pro Tem Jerry L. Cox. Present were 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 Councilman Byrden.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 11, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 11, 2020 – Budget Workshop Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Proposed FY2020-2021 – Receive Citizen Input. Howard Thrower, III of 1818 Lakewood Drive SE, Cairo stated that he had a couple of questions for the Council. Mr. Thrower stated that he knew they were anticipating a lower than normal sales revenue, but what would the Council do if a decrease in revenue was not as bad as they had thought? And Mr. Thrower's second question to the Council was there was a request to purchase a Digger Derrick Truck, had we thought or discussed leasing that vehicle? Mayor Pro Tem Cox addressed Mr. Thrower's questions first by stating that City Manager Addleton had given a worst case scenario and if things changed we could always go in and amend the budget during the year. City Manager Addleton commented that SPLOST revenue is going down by 20% for the year and a lot of the Capital Fund Projects can be moved out or eliminated. We carry over a lot of things we plan to buy but do not because we may not have the funds to purchase them at that time. City Manager Addleton continued, as far as equipment we always look at a lease option or purchase option and all capital that is over \$20,000 has to come before the Council and the Department Head and I have to justify it before the Council. The Digger Derrick Truck is a specialized piece of equipment for the electric department and I do not believe it is a lease option, but we will look at it when that time comes.

Consider Archway Memorandum of Understanding for FY2021. City Manager Addleton stated that this was an MOU for all of the partners that are participating in the Archway Program for fiscal year 2021 noting that one has been signed each year. Motion to approve the Memorandum with Archway for FY2021 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider 2020 Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License – Casa Grande Bar and Grill, 2800 U. S. Hwy 84 East, Amy Yu – Applicant. Motion to approve the Alcohol Renewal Application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider 2020 Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License – Hi-Way Bait & Tackle, 88 Market Street, Jefferson Benny Prince – Applicant. - Motion to approve the Alcohol Renewal Application was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider Proposed Slate of City Officials Nominated as GMA's District 10 Officers for 2020-2021. Motion to approve District 10 Officers as Presented was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Reports:

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1. **Consider Financial Reports for the Month of February 2020.** Motion to approve the Financial Report for the Month of February was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2. **Reports from City Manager:**
 - GEFA awarded us \$2.5 Million for a water system improvement, with \$750,000 loan forgiveness if we take the whole \$2.5 Million with a .62% rate.
 - Budget Calendar – June 5th – Need all Council revisions
June 8th – Final Budget Approval and Introduction of Ordinance
June 22nd – Final Adoption of Budget Ordinance

3. **Reports from Mayor and Council:**
 - Councilman Cox stated that at the corner of Crine Blvd. NW and Hwy 84 W. there are low hanging vines on the right of way that is blocking the view when you are pulling out from Crine Blvd.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JERRY L. COX, MAYOR PRO TEM

DANA W. BARFIELD CITY CLERK