

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 8, 2020

The June 8, 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, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was absent from the meeting. 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 Thornton.

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

DELEGATIONS:

Jeremiah Horne: Restriction of One Building per R3 Zoned Parcel. – Jeremiah Horne, 149 Highway 84 E, Cairo, GA. Mr. Horne requested the Council to remove the R3 Zoning from the property that he owns on 4th Street SE that is about three acres, due to the fact that this zoning restricts the construction of more than one structure per parcel. Mr. Horne stated as it is currently zoned it would only allow for one building that would house about fifty units and that would look like one huge dormitory and he does not feel like that is what anyone would want it to look like. He stated that he had enough road frontage that he could also split the lot into four narrow pieces of property, but that plan nor the fifty unit building would be as esthetically appealing as what he could do if the zoning were lifted. Councilman Douglas stated that he was not prepared to make any motion to lift the zoning until there was more input from city staff and the planning commission was able to review the plan. Attorney Lehman asked why Mr. Horne did not want to rezone to R-PUD. If it is zoned R3 then you could add one tract and then another and that is not what the city wants. If you are going to take a three acre tract and develop it then we want to see an R-PUD, a planned unit development, we do not want to see a piece meal R3. Mayor Pro Tem Cox stated that Mr. Horne could get with the City staff and form a plan of what would be the best plan of action.

Trafford Williams VFW Post 8433: Flag Pole and Dedication Monument for Crestview Cemetery. – Mr. Charlie Jackson, 3200 Stage Coach Rd, Cairo and Mr. Jesse Hobby, 145 Oakdale Rd, Cairo, requested to erect a flag and pole and to maintain the flags as needed at Crestview Cemetery. Motion to approve the Flag placement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit – Church Tent Service, July 3 thru 5, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Jim Reese – Applicant. Motion to approve Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Permit for Parades, Marches, Walks and Demonstrations – Marching Into Unity, June 20, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Felicity Felder – Applicant. – Felicity Felder of 776 Lower Hawthorne Trail, Cairo, and Lafaye Copeland of 307 6th Street SW, Cairo. Ms. Felder stated that she and some of her peers wanted to step out and become leaders and unite the community. The event is to educate everyone and make it a national holiday to celebrate with every race. Mayor Pro Tem Cox stated that he was proud to see her stepping out as a young leader, but wanted to make sure she understood that the demonstration would be amended to Davis Park instead of the Courthouse since she did not have permission to proceed to the Courthouse. Mrs. Copeland said that she learned that with a group that is marching and standing around having a program they would have needed to get permission from the County Commissioners. And during the time of day the event will be held it would be much cooler at Davis Park. Motion to approve the Marching into Unity Walk ending at Davis Park was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING – Conditional Use request for a Home Occupation

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Lawn Care Service within R-1 (Single-Family Residential District), Located at 641 15th Street SW; identified as County Tax Map C4, Parcel 112. Applicant- Ceedric Swicord/Owner-Gary Grant. Ceedric Swicord of 641 15th Street SW, Cairo, stated that he would have a utility trailer and would like to LLC his business.

Consider Conditional Use request for a Home Occupation Lawn Care Service within R-1 (Single-Family Residential District), Located at 641 15th Street SW; identified as County Tax Map C4, Parcel 112. Applicant- Ceedric Swicord/Owner-Gary Grant. Motion to approve Conditional Use Permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

PUBLIC HEARING- Rezoning request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District), located on 20th Street, SE; identified as County Tax Map 68, Parcel 27. Applicant: PJB, LLC. (Phillip Drew). There was no Public Input.

Consider Rezoning request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District), located on 20th Street, SE; identified as County Tax Map 68, Parcel 27. Applicant: PJB, LLC. (Phillip Drew). Approval Died for a Lack of Motion.

Considered Approval of Final Budget for FY 2020-2021. City Manager Addleton stated that there was a few changes that were noted at the last meeting, otherwise he felt we had a good solid budget for FY 2020-2021. Motion to approve the budget at \$36,252,025.00 was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Introduction of Budget Ordinance of FY 2020-2021. Ordinance was Introduced.

Considered GMA Request for the City of Cairo to Designate a Voting Delegate for the Annual Membership Business Meeting to be Held Virtually on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Cox stated that City Manager Addleton is normally voted as the City's Delegate and asked if that was still what the Council wanted to do. Motion to approve City Manager Addleton as Voting Delegate for the Annual Membership Business Meeting was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider Resolution to Authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to Execute Loan Documents for the GEFA Loan for Water Distribution (DW2019017). Motion to approve Mayor Pro Tem to Execute Loan Documents for the GEFA Loan was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Resolution to Authorize the City of Cairo to Accept the GDOT Contract for the CARES Act Funding for the Airport. Motion to approve GDOT Contract for the CARES Act was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) Request for Update Supplemental Contract. Motion to approve Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) Request was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) Request for a First Amendment to Gas Supply Contract. Motion to approve Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) Request for a First Amendment to Gas Supply Contract was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Reports:

1. Consider Departmental Reports for the Month of May 2020.

- Councilman Douglas asked about when nuisance and abatements would be going to court and if they would be attending Municipal Court.

2. Reports from City Manager:

- We had a GMA District 10 Virtual Meeting, June 4, 2020 that went very well. Afterward we took a tour of the Police Department, it should be completed near the end of July.

3. Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Byrden stated that he just wanted to keep encouraging young people like Felicity Felder, he knows she has put a lot of work into the Unity March event and sometimes when young people have a vision they can easily get discouraged. Therefore, he would like to continue to keep them encouraged, focused and safe.
- Councilman Thornton informed that there was a huge debris pile on the corner of 4th Avenue NW and 3rd Street NW. He stated that he had several address that had the same problems that he would give to City Manager Addleton.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cox reminded everyone that tomorrow was the big day to get out and vote. He also encouraged everyone to get out and participate in the Unity March that would be held on June 20, 2020.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

DANA W. BARFIELD CITY CLERK

JERRY L. COX, MAYOR PRO TEM