

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 22, 2020

The June 22, 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 James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Demario Byrden 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 Reverend Christy Bandy and Reverend Dellise Cox.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, Howard Thrower, III by Tom Lehman.

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: June 8, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

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 (Phillip Drew). Motion to approve rezoning request was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered Adoption of Budget Ordinance for FY 2020-2021. Motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for 2020-2021 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered GEFA Loan Forbearance for DW14007 – Airport Water Plant, DW16009-AMI Water Meters, and DW2017030 – MacIvor Water Plant. Motion to approve GEFA Loan Forbearance was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Grady General Hospital Request that the City of Cairo Abandon 11th Avenue SE from 5th Street SE to 6th Street SE. Motion to approve Request to Abandon 11th Avenue SE was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Implementing a Temporary Moratorium on Solar Panels in Order for the City Attorney to Research and Propose a Solution for Placement of Solar Panels. Motion to approve a Moratorium of 60 Days was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Police Department Furniture Request for Quote. Motion to approve a Quote from Sheffield Office Products was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by Councilman Cox with Councilman Douglas opposing.

Considered 2020 Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License – The Wine Rack & Package, 1020 U. S. Highway 84 West, Applicants - June Knight and April Hester. Motion to approve Alcohol License for The Wine Rack & Package was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Reports:

1. **Consider Financial Reports for the Months of March and April 2020.**
Motion to approve Financial Reports for March and April 2020 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.
2. **Reports from City Manager:**
 - GMA – Virtual Conference June 29, 2020 – July 2, 2020
3. **Reports from Mayor and Council:**
 - Councilman Douglas extended his appreciation to Councilman Cox for stepping up to the plate the last few months as Mayor Pro Tem during such extraordinary circumstances. He stated that he felt he had done a really great job.
 - Councilman Gwaltney stated the same as Councilman Douglas that he really appreciated all that Councilman Cox had done.
 - Councilman Cox stated that there was a commercial sign in front of a home at 811 4th Street NW that needed to be addressed. City Manager Adleton informed him that City Code Enforcement had already addressed it and that it was not an advertisement. Councilman Cox stated that he still thought it violated the sign ordinance and asked that he look into it.
 - Councilman Cox also asked about a home that had been destroyed from Hurricane Michael behind the Seafood House and City Manager Adleton advised him that the owner had purchased a demo permit.
 - Mayor Thrower stated that he was very excited about working with the Council and City staff and knew he was going to enjoy himself doing it.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK