

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 13, 2020

The July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Howard Thrower, III. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Jerry L. Cox, Sr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Demario Byrden was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman and City Clerk Dana Barfield, City Manager Addleton was absent. 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 Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 22, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 25, 2020 - Special Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Alex Coloveito/Jeff Mills/People of Change/EEOC: Community Involvement, Transparency, and Status of Karen Cromartie at Police Department. No one was present to speak.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered Resolution to Remove 11th Avenue SE between 5th Street SE and 6th Street SE from the Municipal Street System of the City of Cairo and Dispose of as Permitted by Law. Motion to approve the Resolution to remove 11th Avenue SE as proposed from the Municipal Street System was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Considered Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License – New Application – Cairo IGA, LLC – Beer and Wine Retail Package, 110 2nd Avenue SE – Applicant: Charles Linn Hanks. Motion to approve Alcohol License for Cairo IGA, LLC was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Reports:

1. Departmental Reports:

- Councilman Douglas stated that permits that allow 180 days to complete were being purchased to demo structures, but property owners were not completing the demolition within that time frame. He asked if we could change to a 90 day completion period, and as we see the progression of work being done issue an extension if needed. Mayor Thrower said he had spoken with Building Department Director Brian Hayes last week and thought that the 180 days was state regulated and was not sure we could change to 90 days. City Attorney Lehman said he would have to check to see what the law states we are allowed to do.

2. Reports from City Manager: None

3. Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cox wanted to remind everyone to continue to wear their masks, wash hands, and continue to be safe. He also wanted to encourage all to do their part in getting the 2020 Census completed.

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- Mayor Thrower informed the Council that on Wednesday, July 8th the Grady County Health Department tested 90 people for COVID-19 in the City Utility Office parking lot.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR