

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 10, 2020

The August 10, 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, Sr. Present were Councilmen Demario Byrden, Jimmy Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Howard Thrower, III was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Manager Chris Addleton, 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 Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 2020 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members; Councilman Douglas abstained due to being absent from meeting.

DELEGATIONS:

Jeff Mills – CNS, Transparent. – Jeff Mills, 802 Loblolly Lane. Mr. Mills stated that he originally was going to come before the council concerning Officer Cromartie’s reclassification, but he ran into a former councilman that instructed him that he could not change the system. Therefore, the folder he had containing a petition for Officer Cromartie he was taking back home because the system did not have the courage to change.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Considered Special Event Permit – Community Outreach at Davis Park, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, James E. Miller Outreach/Pamela Howard – Applicant. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit to start at 7:00 am was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered Modification of Solar Energy Systems Ordinance to Specify that Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems Shall Only be Permitted in Areas Zoned I-1, I-2, and AG. Councilman Cox stated that under section 6-293, “Visual Buffers” residential needed to be removed. City Manager Addleton added that in section 6-291 the date needed to be changed, Attorney Lehman said we could change it to September 1, 2020.

Considered CARES Act Funding Acceptance Resolution and Authorization of Mayor to Sign the Resolution. Motion to approve CARES Act Funding Acceptance Resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

REPORTS+:

- 1. Considered Financial Report for the Month of May 2020.** Motion to approve financial report for the month of May was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.
- 2. Considered Departmental Reports for the Month of July 2020.**
 - No Comments
- 3. Reports From City Manager:**
 - None
- 4. Reports From Mayor and Council:**
 - Councilman Douglas asked Attorney Lehman if he was able to check on the number of days given for demolition permits. Attorney Lehman stated that he had and he felt that we would be able to implement a faster process.
 - Councilman Gwaltney stated that there were a few businesses on S. Broad Street that were complaining about random people dumping in their commercial dumpster and filling it up. Councilman Gwaltney asked if there was anything that could be done to stop this from happening. City Manager Addleton replied that we could start with putting a no dumping sign on the dumpster to see if that would help.

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- Councilman Cox wanted to reiterate the message of Mayor Thrower to please continue to wear your mask and be safe. He also wanted to thank Councilman Byrden for his service. Councilman Cox went on to say Councilman Byrden is a certified police officer and has been assigned to the Atlanta Police Department and has been riding with them every weekend since May helping out the city and he wanted to extend a big thank you for what he and all police officers are doing.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK