

## **REGULAR MEETING - CAIRO MAYOR AND COUNCIL – JANUARY 8, 2018**

The January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Present were Council Members James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Also present were Mayor-Elect Booker T. Gainor and Councilman-Elect Demario J. Byrden who, along with Councilman Douglas, were each sworn in for four-year terms of office by Atty. Thomas L. Lehman. Also present was City Manager Chris Addleton. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, along with a WTXL reporter for the local area news channel.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by City Manager Addleton.

**SWEARING IN OF MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS.** There were around 100 attendees present for the ceremony. The new Mayor, Booker T. Gainor; new Councilman, Demario J. Byrden; and incumbent Councilman, James H. Douglas, were sworn in by Atty. Lehman.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2018.** City Manager Addleton announced that Councilman Gwaltney was up for the appointment according to the rotation schedule set several years ago by Council. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to appoint Councilman Gwaltney as 2018 Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – December 11, 2017.** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

Roddenbery Memorial Library Director Pam Griggs, along with Architect Steve Hart, were present requesting to be allowed to use part of the City parking lot located behind the Library for the contractor to place storage bins, equipment, and trailers during the two renovation phases, as well as for parking. The contractor would erect a chain link fence with feet and had 365 days to complete the job which was to begin on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the request, with the contractor to provide liability insurance and to repair any damages that might be incurred to the parking area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Byrden, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Special Event Permit from Cairo Grady Chamber of Commerce for a Cupid Shuffle 5K Run/Walk to be held on February 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. – Sara Heady, Applicant.** The event would start at Northside School and take place in NW neighborhoods in order to avoid busy streets. Two or three police officers were requested; and if extra personnel had to be called in, Ms. Heady was willing to cover the charges. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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### NEW BUSINESS:

**Amendment to the Pole Attachment Agreement between the City and SGGSA for attachments to City Poles by CNS.** The amendment would increase the fee from \$14.00 to \$16.50 per attachment per year effective January 1, 2018 with an annual increase of 3%. This would apply to all four cities in the group. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Cancellation or Rescheduling of the January 22, 2018 Council Meeting Due to GMA Mayor's Day Conference.** After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to cancel the meeting, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### Reports:

**1.) Departmental Reports for the Month of December 2017.** Reports were reviewed, with Councilman Cox noting that there had been only one shoplifting case in Dec., and also that the business alarm calls seemed high.

**2.) Consider Finance Report for the Month of August 2017.** Councilman Douglas advised that the reports were currently being brought up-to-date and made motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

#### 3.) City Manager Addleton:

- The Annual Chamber Meeting was scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and an RSVP for tickets was needed.
- The MLK Parade would be held on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., and the Fire Truck would be available for the Mayor and Council.
- The Fire Dept. received a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$9,816.60 to be used for Technical Rope Rescue Equipment.
- Filling of debris holes should be completed by the end of January, and a list of the locations had been prepared. Councilman Douglas asked that those holes that had settled be filled and compacted.

#### 4.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported that water was still leaking at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, NW and 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW. City Manager Addleton responded that crews were working in that area earlier in the day.
- Councilman Gwaltney had a list of potholes to give to City Manager Addleton. He also requested that debris holes be compacted, especially on those streets to be paved.
- Councilman Cox had one pothole location to add to the list.
- Councilman Byrden expressed his happiness to be able to serve on the Council as a part of the team.
- Councilman Douglas had presented a handout regarding the problem of trash being thrown down in Albany, adding that trash was scattered along streets and

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in yards in Cairo as well; noting that community service workers could be utilized here to pick up trash.

- Mayor Gainor expressed his appreciation for the support he had received during his campaign and invited the large delegation of attendees to also be present at Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**