

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

The November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Booker T. Gainor. Present were Mayor Pro tem Robert L. Gwaltney, Council Members Demario Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Clerk Carolyn Lee, and Landfill Director Raymond Stokes. City Manager Chris Addleton was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Erik Yabor.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Gainor.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

**Emory Thomas, Sr. – 1117 Summerfield Drive.** Mr. Thomas expressed his safety concerns with a road, 11th Ave., NW Extension, and also an unsafe bridge lacking proper guardrails on that road. He also reported a pipe sticking up in a ditch near the bridge. Councilman Cox asked that the Street Dept. be notified about the bridge issue so they could do what was needed to make it safe and to also look at the pipe in the ditch. Mr. Thomas also stated that the City did not fulfill its agreement with the Hawthorne Trails Subdivision developer to add a layer of asphalt to the road. Atty. Lehman was not familiar with such an agreement and explained to Mr. Thomas that the City did not pave streets in subdivisions as that was the developer's responsibility. He offered to look to see if he could find any such agreement. The street was listed in the Phase 8 resurfacing plan; but Councilman Cox noted that when the Phase 7 SPLOST was received, it could be looked at to consider moving it to Phase 7.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Special Event Permit: Cairo – Grady County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**Special Event Permit, Grady County Baptist Association – WMU Prayer Walk on December 7, 2018, from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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### **Introduction of Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance.**

Atty. Lehman advised that the State wanted the City's ordinance updated. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

**Landfill Excavator Repairs and Maintenance.** Landfill Director Stokes had been requested to bring back additional information on the repairs that would be necessary for continued operation of an excavator being used at the Landfill. He provided a quote breakdown of repair/replacement costs and the typical timeline for those depending upon the hours of use on the machine. It was going to cost over \$4,000 just to replace the seals, not the pump itself. The machine had 5,320 hours on it, and would need maintenance totaling \$54,500 within the next 1,000 to 2,000 hours of use. This operational maintenance cost, which totaled \$112,000, could be budgeted with that option, but Director Stokes did not recommend taking a chance on the machine as it is used daily. His recommendation was to lease/purchase a new machine on a \$117,000 5-year lease. The piece of equipment was needed daily at the landfill and would also be used for sewer and water repairs and projects, at the LAS site to get dirt, and to cover the C&D every 30 days. Council discussed and agreed to table the matter until they could look at the information on leasing again.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Reports:**

#### **1. Departmental Reports for October, 2018:**

- Councilman Douglas requested that hurricane overtime be broken out separately on the overtime report.
- He also asked that completed nuisance abatement items be moved on the report, making it easier to read the incomplete ones.
- Mayor Gainor pointed out the higher number of alarm calls on the Police Dept. Report and wanted to know if it caused a response problem for the department.

#### **2. Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Douglas reminded the Council about the Employee Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Mayor and Council to be held on Wednesday.
- Councilman Thornton reported a pothole at 88 11<sup>th</sup> St., SW.
- Councilman Cox reported a pothole at 4<sup>th</sup> St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., NW. He also advised that there were two street lights not coming on at 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW Ext. near the bridge.
- Mayor Gainor advised that he had a call before the meeting from Mr. Jerry Mobley regarding hogs next door to his residence that got out of their pen and destroyed his yard. Atty. Lehman was to check into what could be done.
- Mayor Gainor asked who was next in line to contact when City Manager Addleton was out of the office. Councilman Douglas stated that he called or emailed the City Manager's Admin. Asst., Shana Taylor, and she contacted Mr. Addleton or a Department Head.
- Mayor Gainor also asked what he was supposed to tell people about the water problem, showing a picture of discolored water that had been sent to him. Councilman Douglas advised that he should call Shana Taylor to have Darin Todd contact the Mayor with information. Councilman Cox noted that hydrants

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were still being flushed over town, and he encouraged people to call and report the location of a problem. He also stated that he saw the water test report which showed there was iron in the water.

- Mayor Gainor asked if anyone had come up with an effective way to communicate information to citizens during emergency events.
- He also reported that he had visited Plant Vogel recently. He had also learned that many more things could be done with the AMI metering system to obtain information.

Ms. Sondra Jones was present and asked to speak, with Mayor Gainor giving her permission to speak. She asked why the mayor would not be the person to contact when the city manager was out of the office. Councilman Byrden answered her question by explaining the city manager-council type of government that Cairo has in its Charter, with the city manager handling day-to-day operations. Councilman Douglas added that the department heads handled the day-to-day operations when the city manager was out. He also stated that, since the city manager had been out, he contacted the city manager's Administrative Asst., Shana Taylor, who would then get in touch with the appropriate department head. Ms. Jones thanked Mayor Gainor for keeping her informed.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**