

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The November 26, 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 and Council Members Demario J. Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Asst. City Clerk Sandra Roberts, Marketing Director Celeste Tyler, and Public Works Director Darin Todd. City Manager Chris Addleton was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Erik Yabor. **CORRECTED. C. BYRDEN WAS NOT PRESENT**

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:

1.) Stacy Watkins, of Watkins and Associates and a representative of De Nora Water Technologies regarding Water Quality. Public Works Director Todd along with Stacy Watkins were present to discuss the water quality and explain the cause of the discolored water the city had been experiencing. Watkins explained that a fiber optic cable had been cut two to three months ago which took well #11 out of service leaving only well #10 to serve the city's water needs. Testing was done and revealed the hydrogen sulfide and iron levels were higher in well #10 than well #11. Because of the difference in the levels, a higher chlorine amount should have been added to well #10. He explained that both wells are now in service and the problem should be resolved. Watkins added that procedures are now in place to alert if the chemicals are out of balance in the future. Council also noted the need for residents to still contact the city if discolored water is noticed. Also discussed was a future water construction project that would include a loop around the city.

Mr. Emory Thomas asked to speak and questioned the boil water advisory. Public Works Director Todd explained that if the system's water pressure dropped below 20 psi, a boil water advisory was required and a 24 hour test on the water is required before the advisory could be lifted.

2.) Proclamation Presentation to Ms. Stephanie Berenice Garcia. Mayor Gainor presented Ms. Garcia the proclamation for being introduced to the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). Ms. Garcia had several family members present to watch as she received the proclamation.

3.) Mr. Bill Smith, Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Smith explained that he was in an accident on November 18th caused by a medical condition that he has. He veered off the road into a swampy area in the woods in the Concord/Coonbottom area. Mayor Gainor and Mr. Jeremy Hampton happened to be traveling behind Mr. Smith and witnessed the accident. The two went into the swampy area to assist Mr. Smith and get him to the road where they could contact his wife and call for help. Mr. Smith commended Mayor Gainor and Mr. Hampton for their help that day.

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit: City of Cairo Main Street – Mistletoe Market and Road Closure on Broad Street from 1st Ave., SW to MLK, December 1, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Soil Erosion, Sedimentation Control Ordinance. After review, motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members

Cancelling or Rescheduling of the Council Meeting scheduled for December 24, 2018 due to Christmas Holiday. After discussion indicating that a meeting would be called if needed, motion to approve the cancellation was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

- 1. Financial Report for July 2018.** There was no finance meeting.
- 2. Report from City Manager:** None
- 3. Reports from Mayor and Council:** Mayor Gainor had spoken with a citizen that had damage caused from the recent water rupture. The citizen had asked if her foundation could be checked, as well as have clay removed from her pool. It was discussed that the city's insurance company had been contacted in regard to the citizen's complaint and the insurance process would need to be completed before any decision could be made. Attorney Lehman offered to contact GIRMA to make sure the process could be expedited.

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:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SANDRA ROBERTS, ASST. CITY CLERK