

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 25, 2019

The February 25, 2019 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 Lannis Thornton, Council Members Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Demario J. Byrden was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. 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 present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Joshua Bell, Cairo Municipal Court Judge. Judge Bell was scheduled to appear at the March 11th meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club 5K Run/Walk to be held on May 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. - Amy Hagan, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the event permit was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: 2019 CDBG Grant Pre-Application Public Hearing. The public hearing was held without any public comments being offered.

Resolution for Preparation and Submittal of Application for CDBG Funding Cycle 2019. After discussion motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

CDBG/EIP Administrative and Engineering Proposals - Basis of Selection for Administrative Consulting Services and Engineering Consulting Services. After discussion, motion to approve Watkins and Associates, LLC as Engineering Consultant and Bob Roberson & Associates, Inc. as Administrative Consultant was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

CDBG/EIP Agreement for Engineering and Related Professional Services. After review, motion to approve the agreement with Watkins and Associates, LLC for engineering services was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

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CDBG/EIP Agreement for Professional Administrative Services. After discussion motion to approve the agreement with Bob Roberson & Associates, Inc. for professional administrative services, with one correction in wording, was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Alcoholic Beverage Application, New Application – Jennifer Outwater dba Brasington Place & Blue Bistro – Beer and Wine Retail Consumption on Premises, 7 3rd Ave SE – Jennifer Outwater, Applicant. After discussion, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Supplemental FY 2019 GDOT LMIG Funding for Safety Improvements. City Manager Addleton was proposing that the funding be used for 5.46 miles of off-system streets to be striped at approximately \$24,000, of which, the City's portion would be \$8,000. After discussion, motion to approve the application submittal was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

- 1.) **Financial Reports for December 2018.** Councilman Douglas reported that the reports were slowly being caught up to date and made motion to approve the report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.
- 2.) **Reports from City Manager:**
 - A meeting was held last Thursday with Architect Greg Smith and Construction Manager Doug Young for finishing up the Police Dept. building plans; schedule called for bid documents and construction plans to be ready on March 1st; bid opening on March 26th; review on April 3rd; not-to-exceed amounts presented to the Council on April 8th; ground breaking the first part of May; and completion February or March 2020.
 - MacIvor Water Plant Rehab Project – Building had been taken down and work was continuing on the project.
 - Set to open Grant Ave. Stormwater Project bids on March 5th at 2:00 p.m.
 - New bid on pool repair was received from Irwin & Mahaffey at \$82,000, which was higher than expected; so more quotes were to be sought for the repair. It was discussed whether a masonry person could do the repairs which were required to be completed in order to open this summer. Cost to repair the bathhouse was estimated at \$6,000.
- 3.) **Reports from Mayor and Council:**
 - Councilman Thornton asked about repairs to 4th Street, SW near the railroad, learning that it was on the paving list for this year.
 - Councilman Douglas asked about repairs to other railroad crossings, learning that a list had been provided to Michael Bryant earlier in the day for a meeting scheduled with CSX in Washington.

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- Mayor Gainor asked that a sign be put up on the traffic lights downtown to help some people understand the directional lights. He also requested pressure washing of the sidewalks downtown. He inquired what the grant would be used for, learning that direction would come from the professionals as to what would make a good application that would be approved, usually water/sewer projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:30 p.m., motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Thornton for the reasons checked below, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members:

- ✓ To meet with its attorney to discuss a pending or potential lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the city, or any officer or employee of the city, or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1))
- ✓ To discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property, or to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1))
- ✓ To discuss hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b) (2))

At 7:30 p.m., motion to close the executive session was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present. There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR