

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

The March 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 Demario J. Byrden, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind.

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: March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Barbara McDuffie-Lowe, Janet Wynne, Frank Roebuck - Housing Task Force of Grady County. Mrs. Janet Wynne, 3779 Hwy. 111 N., Cairo, spoke for the group. She commented on their goals, one of which was to provide housing for victims of the recent tornado. She announced a meeting to be hosted by USDA Rural Development regarding available grants to help persons 62 years of age and over which was to be held on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Agricenter.

Sabrina Uscanga, 138 Moore Road, Climax, Ga. - Cairo Red's Baseball Team – Request for Use of Holder Park Baseball Field on Sunday afternoons. Ms. Uscanga stated that she had a tentative schedule for the team's use of the park. After discussion, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for Christ Gospel Church Cairo, Inc. - Praise in the Park on June 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Davis Park - Alexis Forrest, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Special Event Permit for Gordon Heights Baptist Church - 5K Fundraiser on June 1, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Davis Park - Al Sessions, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Special Event Permit for Grady County Relay For Life Committee - 5K Fundraiser on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Northside School - Katie Williams, Applicant. After review motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Meeting and Appointment. City Manager Addleton advised that this would be the kick-off meeting for SPLOST and that the County Administrator and Commission Chairman would be there. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to appoint Mayor Gainor and City Manager Addleton to represent the City at the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Resolution for GEFA Modification of Promissory Note and Loan Agreement for #2 Water Plant Rehab. City Manager Addleton advised that clear dates, such as the completion date, were added, so a modification was necessary. After review, motion to approve the resolution for modification and authorize the Mayor to execute the modified documents was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Award of Bid and Approval of Agreement for Grant Avenue SW Drainage Improvement Project. Council Members reviewed the bids as follows: **1.)** CMI, Inc. of Cairo - \$139,051.00; **2.)** Jim Boyd Construction of Albany - \$148,476.00; **3.)** Green's Backhoe of Thomasville - \$151,424.50; **4.)** HTS Construction of Albany - \$178,237.35; and **5.)** Oxford Construction of Albany - \$351,792.25. Engineer Stacy Watkins had found a mathematical error in a unit value which increased CMI's bid substantially, and he recommended awarding the bid to the second low bidder, Jim Boyd Construction. Councilman Douglas asked Atty. Lehman to comment on the change in the low bid of CMI, Inc. Atty. Lehman advised that any discrepancy ruled in favor of unit price calculation. Cal Lauder, President of CMI, Inc., 1220 Joyner Rd., Cairo, was present and presented documents used in his bid calculations. His secretary had missed putting in a decimal point in the unit number "600" which would have made it \$6.00 per unit rather \$600. The total was correct, but the unit pricing was not. Councilman Douglas asked if there would be a legal problem if the bid was accepted, with Atty. Lehman advising that he did not see it as a discrepancy due to the amount being totally unrealistic. After discussion, motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Cal Mart, Inc. in the amount of \$139,051.00 and enter into an agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Holder Park Pool Repair. Three quotes were received as follows: Irwin & Mahaffey - \$84,860; Coxpools - \$89,315; and Southern Pools - \$111,183. Councilman Thornton made motion to accept the lowest quote from Irwin and Mahaffey with the elimination of the diving board installation, resulting in a total of \$82,399. Mayor Gainor believed the diving board would draw people to the pool. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cox who noted that it might be as much as 2 ½ years before the Board of Education pool was constructed, and the City could re-address Holder Park Pool at that time. Mayor Gainor asked if the diving board could be installed at Holder Pool and then be donated to the Board of Education. Councilman Byrden was resolute in his belief that the board should be included and made a motion to amend Councilman Thornton's motion, adding that nothing should be taken away from what was there. There was discussion regarding the safety and liability if someone got hurt diving off the board. Councilman Thornton stated that the board was not needed, and he was steadfast that his motion remain as it had been made. Councilman Byrden's motion died due to lack of a second. Councilman Cox suggested that the search for lifeguards be started soon. Councilman Byrden questioned why a diving board would cause more liability issues. The motion to hire Irwin & Mahaffey to do the repairs, minus the diving board, passed with all voting in favor except Councilman Byrden who opposed the motion.

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2019 Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications. After discussion, motion to approve the renewal applications, along with the new owner of Smitty's, was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Mayor Gainor asked if he could get a diving board through private donation for Holder Pool, would the City accept it; or was it the money or the liability? Councilman Douglas requested that City Manager Addleton check with the liability insurance company and also look into the cause of previous board replacements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

Departmental Reports for February 2019. Councilman Douglas noted that he thought the installation of new meters would control the water loss since all water use should now be billed.

Reports from City Manager.

- PDC, Construction Manager for the Police Dept. Building, was in the process of wrapping up bids and should have a "not-to-exceed" amount at the next meeting.
- Announced the retirement of Utility Customer Service Director, Faye Ingram, at the end of the week.

Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Mayor Gainor asked if the City could get the lot where the block building was destroyed near Pickle Patch to use for parking. He reported a burst pipe near 314 Crescent Circle that had been running for two weeks. He also reported water running in the parking lot near Mya's House on 4th St., SE.
- Councilman Byrden reported that the traffic light at S. Broad and Hwy. 111 was not working properly, nor was the one at 5th St. and 2nd Ave., SE (DOT). He also mentioned the status of the Southern Terrace Project.
- Councilman Douglas asked that DOT be reminded about damaged storm drains on Highway 84.
- Councilman Cox asked about soapy water draining from the carwash near Walmart and running into the storm drain. He also asked if there was a way to identify tornado debris going into the landfill to help those still cleaning up.

At this time Earnest W. Cloud, Jr. asked to speak, requesting that the permit fee and tipping fee waivers be extended for churches who were not previously able to have their debris cleared or buildings razed. Action was taken to extend the deadline for waiving permit fees and tipping fees for tornado victims upon motion by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:50 p.m., motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Thornton for the reason checked below, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members:

✓ To discuss hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b) (2)).

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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 Douglas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR