

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 23, 2018**

The April 23, 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 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, Jordan Barela.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – April 9, 2018.** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

**1.) Pam Grigg - Director - Roddenbery Memorial Library - Library Signage.** Ms. Jessica Wilson was present filling in for Ms. Grigg and presented a handout that included a map marked with several streets on which the library wished to have signs bearing the National Library Symbol so that residents and visitors may more easily locate the library. The green signs would be placed on state roads and the blue signs on City streets. The Library was to purchase the signs and asked the City to install these at the marked locations. City Manager Addleton noted that his only concern would be putting signs on state roads, but the City could aid with installation. He added that North Broad was now a City street, and a sign might be positioned there to be seen from Highway 84. Ms. Wilson was to take the information back to her director.

**2.) LaFaye Copeland – Solid Waste Collection Regulations.** Ms. Copeland, 307 6<sup>th</sup> St., SW, asked if the City had saved the \$300,000 annual savings projection when the garbage and trash collection was privatized last September and also if the dug-out areas had been filled in that were caused by the trash collection. She also asked if anyone had gone out with Taylor on the collection routes, with City Manager Addleton responding that City personnel had ridden with him for two weeks prior to the takeover. He added that he believed the City had saved money with privatization, and another reason for the change had been the approaching closing of the Landfill. She asked how the City did research, and could they have kept the service as it was. City Manager Addleton responded that a great deal of research and cost comparison had gone into the decision which revealed that the best option was to privatize, adding that providing the service was capital intensive, as well as the cost of employees and benefits. Ms. Copeland asked if the cost would rise for taxpayers due to the Landfill closing; and, if so, the service would cost more and not be as good. She asked if the contractor would make more money than the City and what would happen if he went out of business. City Manager Addleton explained that there were three other bidders who had wanted the contract. She added that the County Commission was getting ready to face the same thing. She stated that elderly people had been calling her because they did not know who their Councilman was and referred to the Fact Sheet relating to trash and garbage policies that had recently been sent out with the utility bills. She called it “misleading” and not clear. She also noted that ditches were not being cleaned. She suggested putting something in the newspaper to clarify the regulations, as people were used to the City picking up mattresses and other items and were afraid that change, adding that elderly people could not take these things to the Landfill. City Manager Addleton informed Ms. Copeland that household goods had not been addressed in the ordinance, but Atty. Lehman was looking at an amendment.

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He added that Taylor Waste had gone above and beyond to provide the same services as had been done previously by the City.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Special Event: Consider Special Event Permit for Cairo Acrobatics Cinco de Mayo 5K Run/Walk on May 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. - Kacey Oliver, Applicant.** After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Byrden. Ms. Oliver stated that they would pay for one Police Officer and had two officer dads that had volunteered to help. Councilman Gwaltney suggested that she might use crossing guards to help with traffic control. She was requested to coordinate the event with the City Manager. The motion to approve the event was approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) Intergovernmental Participant Contract (IPC) Amendment #2 and Resolution.** City Manager Addleton advised that the Resolution for Amendment #2 would move the Pole Attachment Service (PAS) provided by ECG out of the Supplemental Contract Special Provisions into a New Service under Exhibit A-12 Pole Attachment Services. It would also modify PAS to be cost allocated to ECG members on the basis of a rolling 5-year calendar usage of labor service hours provided to each member. For the City, it would mean a cost reduction of \$2,902, from \$17,159 to \$14,257 per year. After discussion, motion to approve and execute the Resolution and Amendment #2 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**Final Approval of Audit Report FY 2017.** Councilman Douglas stated that he did not look at the bound copy due to already having a copy. He noted a correction of error report on Page 3 relating to a write-off to get a clean slate that the auditor had relented and corrected as an auditor error. He had sent them a list of 21 questions, with a few little things they needed to change in wording next year. Some of the finding pages at the end of the report had not been included in all the copies, with Councilman Cox requesting to receive a copy of those. He noted that the report looked positive, but on Page 12 the condensed state of activities did not match the charts. After discussion, motion to approve the FY 2017 Audit Report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### Reports:

**1.) Financial Report for the Month of February 2018.** Councilman Douglas advised that the Finance Committee had reviewed the report with a few things to be checked, but everything else was in line and most funds within budget. He referred to Page 43, advising that when Garbage and Trash was converted to Taylor Waste, employees were moved to another department, but none were let go, resulting in some salaries still showing in Garbage and Trash in the budget, but had been changed in the payroll records. Motion to approve the February Financial Report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

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**2.) Reports from City Manager:**

- He had been working with FEMA and GEMA for reimbursement for hurricane costs, and checks had been received for \$49,801.55 for debris collection (85% of costs) and \$12,263.04 for Fire and Police hours.
- Scruggs had given an update that they would be back by the end of the week to continue paving.
- City employees will be having Drug Awareness and Sexual Harassment training on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Bid opening scheduled on May 1st for CDBG – 15<sup>th</sup> St., SW/Legion Blvd. area.
- Received 1<sup>st</sup> dividend payment from SGGSA for CNS in the amount of \$78,611.50.
- Councilman Douglas had seen a billboard in Cordele last week regarding trash, so City Manager Addleton had contacted the Chamber of Commerce who was to have a poster put on the electronic billboard here that read “Make Grady County Classy, not Trashy”.

**3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Byrden asked if there was any update on Holder Park Pool, with City Manager Addleton advising that he was getting quotes on repairing the shallow end and fixing the leak in hopes of opening this summer, but if not possible, he would like to get the scope of work needed and go out for bids.
- Councilman Douglas asked that a concerted effort be made for a City-wide clean-up with City crews participating half a day.
- Councilman Gwaltney reported that the lot at 508 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., SE needed to be cleaned up and trees in the R/W be removed. He reported a dead tree at Azalea Park near the old park bench. He also reported that the trash can had not been placed in Davis Park near the front playground.
- Mayor Gainor reported that he had attended the staging of the mock car crash held recently at CHS and had also spoken with Supt. Gilliard and Principal Lokey, learning that awards could be presented to the valedictorian and salutatorian on April 30<sup>th</sup> from the Mayor and Council, along with the wish for them to return to Cairo to live and work after their schooling was finished.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, 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**