

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

The July 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 Pro tem Robert L. Gwaltney, in the absence of Mayor Booker T. Gainor who was out of town. Present were 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, City Clerk Carolyn Lee and Building Official Brian Hayes. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind and Times Enterprise Editor Pat Donahue.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro tem Gwaltney.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, 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:**

Mr. James L. Whigham, 3816 Highway 84 East, Cairo, was present to address the Council regarding mobile homes being allowed inside the City limits. Stating that he had made the suggestion several months ago to not permit any more mobile homes to be located inside the City, nothing was done so he was making the request again. He advised that the City of Thomasville did not allow them there unless it was in an area zoned for mobile homes. Bainbridge did not allow mobile homes, and if one moved out, it could not be replaced with another. City Attorney Lehman and Building Official Hayes felt that requirements or restrictions could be placed on mobile homes but believed that to outlaw them would be illegal.

Mrs. Nola Daughtry, Executive Director of Grady County Children and Youth Coordinating Council (Family Connections), was present to request that the City become the fiscal agent for their grant program which she stated was always reimbursed before the year end. She explained that when Georgia Pines stopped being the fiscal agent, the Grady County Commission had taken over the responsibility but had since decided not to continue after September. Council discussed, and the only concerns were the demand on city staff time or cash flow. City Manager Addleton had discussed the matter with Finance Director Faircloth, and she had done this at a previous employment. After discussion, motion to approve the City becoming the fiscal agent was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Angels of Grace Community Wellness Center - Community Wellness Fair at Davis Park on August 4, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Mary Weaver-Anderson, applicant.** After review, motion to approve the event request was made by Councilman Byrden, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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**Transportation SPLOST.** City Manager Addleton advised that the County Commission was proposing a TSPLOST to be put on the ballot for the November election and had sent over a draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement, a Resolution, and a Notice of Election for the City to consider. The deadline to get the question on the ballot for November would be August 8th, but he had learned that a formal meeting should be held thirty days before a referendum was called, and that had not been done. Council discussed, but no action was taken.

**Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Section 8 Amendment.** City Manager Addleton advised that changes were needed in the current “Meter reading; billing collecting” ordinance to reflect the current Utility penalty, billing, and collection information policy. Council discussed and asked Atty. Lehman to prepare an ordinance amendment as recommended.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

- 1. Financial Report for the Month of May 2018.** After review, motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.
- 2. Reports from City Manager:**
  - Reported that the Public Participation form was now on the City’s website.
- 3. Reports from Mayor and Council:**
  - Councilman Cox reported that he had informed someone that the utility bills should be color-coded in the next few weeks.

**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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**ROBERT L. GWALTNEY**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE**  
**CITY CLERK**