

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 9, 2018

The July 9, 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 and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. City Manager Chris Addleton was out of town. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Cox.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, 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 Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**There were no Delegations, Special Events, or Old Business:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Grady County School Board Banner/Flag Request.** Supt. Kermit Gilliard was present stating that he had requested that two banners per school be put up and presented a sample of one of the banners as well as having submitted an illustration of the banners for all the County schools. He hoped that it would help build pride in the school system and would also welcome the students back to school in August. After discussion, motion to approve the installation was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members. Dr. Gilliard stated, if possible, he would like to have the banners installed next week.

**Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Abate the Nuisance (Rubbish/Garbage and Overgrowth) at 851 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NE (C34-24) - William A. Glass, owner.** Pictures of the property had been submitted, and after review, motion to approve the resolution to authorize the City Manager to abate the nuisance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Abate the Nuisance (Dead Trees) at 675 Airport Road, NE (C4-16) - Elaine S. and Adrian Clark, owners.** A picture was presented showing that the trees had been taken down recently, so there was no action taken.

**Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Abate the Nuisance (Overgrowth) at 1001 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW (C7-7) - Elizabeth W. Harris, owner.** After review of pictures of the overgrown property, motion to approve the resolution to authorize the City Manager to abate the nuisance was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**MEAG Bond Validation - MEAG and Participants' Answer, Acknowledgment, and Verification Documents.** City Attorney Lehman advised that the documents were to allow for additional capacity and favorable financing for MEAG Power's Bond Validation Filing that had been discussed at a previous meeting. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the answer,

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acknowledgement, and verification was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### Reports:

1.) **Consider Departmental Reports for the Month of June 2018.** The reports were reviewed with Councilman Douglas having asked for an additional report on the nuisance citation schedule which had been submitted. Councilman Cox inquired if a commercial business had taken the trees down on the Clark property on Airport Road, and if so, should the contractor not be required to remove the debris from the property. It was noted that Building Official Hayes was to check on that.

2.) **Reports from City Manager:** None

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

- Councilman Douglas commented on the pre-fireworks program coordinated by Councilman Byrden on July 4<sup>th</sup> and congratulated him on it being a success.
- Councilmen Gwaltney and Cox expressed the same appreciation.
- Mayor Gainor introduced a group of eight students, Dakota Daniel, Jonathan Ross, Brianna Harrell, Coluer Cooper, Kaitlyn Bywaters, Jalyn Ross, Jakeyvan Jones, and Michelle Hebert, who made up the council for the newly formed “City of Cairo Youth City Government” started by Mayor Gainor. Each student stated his/her name and made comments about why they wanted to be a part of the new group. Mayor Gainor stated that he had been approached regarding forming the council of ambassadors in order for them to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciate the American political system by working with the governmental entities in the County and civic organizations in order to provide service and leadership. Monthly meetings were to be held on every third Monday at 6:00 p.m. The students attending the meeting were to serve as the Council, having already elected a Mayor and Mayor Pro tem. They had two advisors, Shirley Felder and Christina Byrden, with Ms. Felder attending the meeting. Mayor Gainor stated that he had a charter for the group, as well as forms that the students and their parents would sign, adding that the budget would be funded through fund-raising projects, and the students would attend youth leadership conferences and partner with other cities to expose them to other opportunities. There would be other students joining the organization as well. The Agricenter had been verbally reserved to host a dance, and Councilman Byrden asked for the Council’s support for the youth group.
- Councilman Gwaltney thanked Councilman Byrden for the July 4<sup>th</sup> pre-fireworks program and also recognized school officials and city electric crews for their assistance.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

### APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

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CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK