

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 27, 2018

The August 27, 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, Council Members Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Demario J. Byrden joined the meeting after the Invocation. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was out of town. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind and Times Enterprise Editor Pat Donahue.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda with an addendum was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit – Rock the Block – Prime Time/Dance Arts - Road Closure, 361 3rd Avenue SE, August 31, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Nichole Holley, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the event request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

ADDENDUM: Special Event Permit – Dwight Whitfield/Technical Systems, Inc. – Road Closure on 3rd St., SE from railroad crossing to alley behind Cairo Acrobatics in order to disassemble a grain bin on Thursday, Sept. 6th from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Alcoholic Beverage Application for YoYo's Wings-N-Things, Liquor, Retail Consumption at 117 South Broad Street - Yolanda Davis, Applicant. The hearing was held without any comments offered.

Alcoholic Beverage Application for YoYo's Wings-N-Things - Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises and Liquor, Retail Consumption/Pouring at 117 South Broad Street - Yolanda Davis, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

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Alcoholic Beverage Application: Change of Ownership – Trawick’s - Beer and Wine Retail Package at 1010 Hwy 84 West - Nayan Patel, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Setting a Final 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate. After review, motion to set the final 2018 net millage rate at 7.70 mills was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2018. The ordinance was introduced and will be consideration for adoption at the next meeting.

Approval of Restated Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Retirement Plan and Adoption Agreement. After discussion, motion to approve the restated plan and adoption agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance for Restated Retirement Plan and Adoption Agreement. The ordinance was introduced and will be consideration for adoption at the next meeting.

GEFA Loan Resolution and Documents needed for Loan Execution. City Manager Addleton advised that the City had been approved for a \$2,500,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan, with \$500,000 forgiveness. The loan period would be for 10 years at 1.06% and would be used for construction of the \$4,200,000 MacIvor Water Plant Rehab Project, with \$1,700,000 coming from the Municipal Competitive Trust Fund. An attorney opinion on the documents would be needed from Atty. Lehman. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution and loan documents was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Cairo and the Grady County Board of Commissioners regarding Construction of a Pool on the Cairo High School Campus. Approval of the agreement by the City and the County would allow for the transfer of SPLOST funds (\$488,000-County; \$312,000-City) that were to be used by the County to construct an aquatic center over to the Grady County Board of Education to construct a pool at Cairo High School. The agreement, prepared by Atty. Lehman, also called for the City and County to each be responsible for 25% of the net operating cost not to exceed \$50,000 for either entity annually for five years. Councilman Douglas had a problem agreeing to pay operating cost and believed that Holder Park Pool should be included in this consideration. Councilman Cox asked that the agreement include a statement that the City would only be responsible for the SPLOST funds and not for any additional construction funds. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to table the item to give City Manager Addleton a chance to meet with Atty. Lehman, Dr. Gilliard, and a County official to address these concerns with the terms of agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Reports from City Manager:

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- MacIvor Water Plant rehab project pre-construction meeting was held last Thursday with a bid opening scheduled for Sept. 11th. Project could start by the end of the year and should take all of 2019.
- The 10th Avenue, NW storm water project was underway.
- Wastewater belt press and de-watering project was 50% complete.
- Legion Blvd/Southwest area storm water project was going well.
- Parallel taxiway and t-hangar apron project was progressing well.
- FAA Supplementary Discretionary funds had been made available to fund 100% of shovel-ready projects, with application being made for Phase II of the Airport project; and results to be known in September, with an excellent chance of award.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Byrden asked about the conceptual plan for Southern Terrace Park being prepared by UGA students through Archway, with City Manager Addleton to get with Sharon Liggett, who was taking over for Betsy McGriff, for an update.
- Councilman Douglas reported that grass had grown up in the ditches on 8th Ave., NE in front of Walmart causing storm water to run down the street. Also, vines at the corner of 8th Ave., NE and 4th Street were blocking the view.
- Councilman Thornton reported that the bathrooms at Azalea Park would open with the keys but could not be left unlocked during an event.
- Councilman Cox reported that the sign at Zak's was in need of repair. He also reported two deep debris holes caused by the trash truck at 1403 15th Ave., NW and on the corner of 15th St., NW adjacent to 1554 12th Ave., NW.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK