

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 11, 2019

The November 11, 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, Jerry L. Cox, James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Demario Byrden was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Assistant City Clerk Carol Boyd. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Eric Yabor.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Gainor.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2019 - Regular Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Gainor presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Angela Hopkins who had received a quality rating of three stars as a daycare which does not happen often. Mrs. Hopkins had donated over \$24,000.00 in Cairo High School Scholarships.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit for Cairo Main Street – Street Closure: South Broad Street from 2nd Ave/MLK to 1st Avenue SW, Mistletoe Market and Main Street Concert, December 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Alyssa Blakley, Main Street Director, Applicant. Motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Rezoning Request from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 201 5th Street SE; identified on County tax map C27, parcel 75.1. Owner: BEC Properties, LLC (Linda Collins). There was no input from the public.

Consider Rezoning Request from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 201 5th Street SE; identified on County tax map C27, parcel 75.1. Owner: BEC Properties, LLC (Linda Collins). Councilman Gwaltney made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Sales Tax Refund for Water Plant Rehabilitation Project. Cliff Harpe of Tax Specialist of Georgia-Southeast, LLC gave a presentation on an opportunity to recover sales tax charged by contractors in association with the rehabilitation project of the MacIvor Water Plant. Harpe stated that each contractor has to pay sales tax so when the City compensates a contractor for the work they have completed the City itself is paying sales tax for which it is exempt; this is where TSG will be able to recover that money back for the City. Councilman Douglas made a motion to enter into agreement with Tax Specialist of Georgia-Southeast, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Property Surplus at 12th Avenue NW and 6th Street NW. – Pulled from agenda.

Consider Southern Terrace Trail Grant. – City Manager Addleton informed the Council that he and Marketing Director Alyssa Blakely would like to apply for a Trail Grant for up to \$200,000 for Southern Terrace Park which is due November 17, 2019. Along with the pre-application a cover letter and Resolution is required. He requested the Council approve the Resolution in support of the application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trail Program. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Participation in FY2020 CHIP Grant Application. - Grady County approved jointly applying for the FY2020 Community Home Improvement Program (CHIP) grant if the City approved as well. The grants have funded rehabilitation of several homes in the city and county in the

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past years. The maximum award anticipated would be \$306,000. The City and County would split the \$9,500 administrative fee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to manage the grant. Motion to approve the CHIP Grant application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Purchase for Police Vehicles. – Police Chief Sandefur requested three vehicles; two patrol vehicles and one investigator vehicle from Stallings Motors, the low bidder. Motion to approve vehicle purchases was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Traffic Ordinance Section 20-7 to include 2nd Street SW as one-way from north to south from 4th Avenue SW to 6th Avenue SW on Sundays only. – Motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend Traffic Ordinance Section 20-7 was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone from R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) at the location of 425 Church Street S. W.; Identified on County tax map C14, parcel 163. – Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to AG (Agricultural District) at the location of 1274 Highway 111 North; identified on County tax map 67, parcel 3.1. - Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone a parcel from R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) at the location of 622 4th Street N. W.; identified on County tax map C12, parcels 74 & 74.1. - Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Reports from City Manager:

- Business after Hours at The Grady Museum – Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Douglas asked what the status of our new Alcohol Ordinance was that recently passed. Attorney Lehman stated that he could have it prepared at the next meeting.
- Councilman Gwaltney stated that there is a sunken spot in the pavement at 13th Avenue and S. Broad Street.
- Councilman Cox asked Attorney Lehman about the short term rentals that was previously addressed. Attorney Lehman stated that he was researching the possibility of having such an ordinance. He also asked if the Council wanted to limit the areas the short term rentals were allowed to operate in.
- Mayor Gainor asked where we were on the live streaming of council meetings. City Manager Addleton stated that it was up to the Council as to whether or not they wanted to move forward. Councilman Gwaltney stated he thought it needed to be put on the agenda in order to move forward.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK