

**REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The October 28, 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, Finance Director Miriam Faircloth and Customer Service Director Carolyn Robinson. 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 Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**1.) Margaret Tyson – Ochlocknee River Water Trail Fundraiser.** Margaret Tyson of 805 N. Broad Street, Cairo, along with ORWT volunteers would like to give back to the community by funding a project where they would place mile markers on the river for fire and rescue. They would also like to mark the numerous walking trails along Broad Street and surrounding areas within the city limits. In addition to these projects they also are hoping to create a paddle trail on Tired Creek Lake that would include trail markers on the lake and a trail map made available to the public. Mayor and Council agreed that Tyson needed to discuss with D. O. T. what they would allow her to put on the rights of way on the state highways first and also discuss her routes with the City Manager before they made a decision on allowing the markers throughout the city.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**2.) Special Event Permit (Change of Date)– Church Tent Revival, 514 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Nov. 1-3, 2019, Jim Reese, Applicant.** – Motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consider Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Traffic Ordinance Section 20-7 to include 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW as one-way from north to south from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW on Sundays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p. m.** – Councilman Douglas had concerns about 5:00 p.m. being an appropriate time frame to cover traffic on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. Councilman Thornton added he thought it was best to make the street one way all day on Sundays. All Councilmen agreed.

**Consider Introduction 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 SW; identified on County tax map C14, parcel 163.** The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption.

**Consider Introduction 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.** The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption.

**Consider Introduction 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW; identified on County tax map C12, parcels 74 & 74.1.** The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption.

**Consider Public Works Vehicle Request.** – City Manager Addleton explained that this

vehicle would be purchased for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to replace one that was demolished during the March Tornado. Three bids were received with the lowest price from Stallings. Motion to approve the vehicle purchase from Stallings was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**Consider Utility and Financial Software Conversion.** – City Manager Addleton advised the Mayor and Council that the City of Thomasville announced earlier this year that they would no longer be supporting UBill/GEMS software through their IT Department after December 2020. A software search committee began searching for new software for the city. City Manager Addleton gave background information on three software choices that he and the software committee considered and explained that after review of each one their recommendation was Tyler Technologies. Motion to approve the Software Conversion using Tyler Technologies was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

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

- The new police station is progressing very well, trusses will be put on this week.
- MacIvor water plant is coming along very good, wiring is currently under way.
- Scruggs has begun scraping the sides of streets making preparations for paving.
- CSX started work on railroad crossings in a several locations around town.
- Jackie Robinson’s Boys & Girls Club Diamond Affair will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Councilman Thornton stated that someone cut down trees and shrubs at the 600 block of 6th Avenue NW but they did not own any property, so he knew Taylor Waste would not pick it up. He asked to please have someone remove the debris.
- Councilman Gwaltney said going down Buchanan Street SE at the four way stop on Lullwater SE there is a drop off when you turn right. He wanted to know if a pipe would be extended to prevent the hazard.
- Mayor Gainor requested the possibility of changing up the Employee Christmas Luncheon to a formal night event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:39 p.m., motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Thornton for the reason indicated below, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members:

To discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property, or to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b) (1)).

At 6:45 p.m., motion to close the executive session was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present. There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

**BOOKER T. GAINOR, MAYOR**

**DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK**