

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was out of town. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Karen Murphy, were also in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Burns.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – January 12, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Special Event Permit for Florida State University, the College of Motion Picture Arts, for Closure of Broad Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., NE to 1st Ave., NE on Thursday, February 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Monday, February 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. - Erica Chan, Applicant.** Ms. Chan was present and provided information on the movie to be made and their plans for the street closing. She was requested by Council Members to pick up any trash they might have and to park in the public parking lots nearby. After discussion, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING – New Alcoholic Beverage License Application – San Marcos Mexican Grill – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Retail Pouring – 303 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., NE Suite D-4 (Cairo Crossing), Anna Laura Gomez – Applicant.** There were no public comments offered, and the hearing was closed.

**New Alcoholic Beverage License Application – San Marcos Mexican Grill – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Retail Pouring – 303 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., NE Suite D-4 (Cairo Crossing), Anna Laura Gomez – Applicant.** Proper public notice had been given in the newspaper and posted on the building, and it was requested that approval be given contingent on final Building and Fire Department approval. Chief Sandefur had already approved the application. After review, motion to approve the application subject to final sign-off by the Building and Fire Departments was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Resolution to Oppose the State of Georgia’s Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB 170).** City Manager Addleton reported that HB 170 would remove local sales tax on the sale of motor fuel which would potentially impact the City’s revenue by the loss of over \$400,000 in SPLOST and LOST funds which equated to paving two miles of streets in addition to 50% of the Street/Sidewalks budget. The County could implement a local excise tax, but the City’s portion would be based on the LMIG percentages and could only be used for transportation projects. After review, motion to approve the

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resolution of opposition was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Purchase of Cairo Fire Department Truck.** Quotes were obtained from Stallings Motors and Hobson Chevrolet for a 2015 4x2 Crew Cab 1500 and a 2015 2500. Stallings was lower on both the models, and it was recommended that the Dodge 2500 truck be purchased at the low bid of \$28,982.00 from Stallings Motors. The Hobson bid for the Chevrolet 2500 was \$36,032.16. After review, motion to approve the purchase from Stallings Motors was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Purchase of Public Works Department Truck.** Quotes were obtained from Stallings Motors (\$27,122.99) and Hobson Chevrolet (37,607.50) for a 2015 2500 4x4 Crew Cab. It was recommended that the Dodge 2500 truck be purchased at the low bid of \$27,122.00 from Stallings Motors. Motion to approve the purchase from Stallings Motors was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Downtown Development Authority Appointment.** City Manager Addleton requested that Mr. Hansel Bearden be appointed to serve the remainder of the term of Mr. Craig Brock who was no longer in business in the City (term to expire 12/31/17). After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### REPORTS:

**1. Departmental Reports.** Council reviewed the Police, Fire, Building/Code Enforcement, Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer Reports.

**2. Finance Report for December 2014.** Councilman Douglas reported that there was a correction to be made on Page 8 with regard to property tax and alcohol excise tax that was caused by a code posting error. He also noted that the Water/Sewer loss on Page 10 was due mainly to the principal and interest on bond payments. After review, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### 3. City Manager Addleton's Report.

- CDBG for 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SW was put out for bid which will be considered at a March meeting.
- DOT LMIG was put out for bids with the opening to be in March.
- SGGSA annual meeting to be held Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Thomasville.
- Budget Workshop meeting to be held on February 23rd.
- Cairo was recognized at the Ga. Main Street Luncheon for being a participant in the Classic Main Street Community Start-Up Program.

### 4. Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cloud reported on an area on South Broad Street near Quick Buys that seemed to be sinking near a drain.
- Mayor Burns advised that there was also a sunken area near the creek on Buchanan.
- Councilman Cloud asked that he and Pat Mitchell meet with the City Manager regarding some trees that needed to be taken down at Cairo Cemetery. He also pointed out that the columbarium that had been installed at Forest Lawn should be sealed at the bottom.
- Councilman Douglas inquired if any of the Council Members were to receive an award at the Convention.

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**Mayor Burns recognized Mr. Floyd Searcy who had asked to speak to the Council on the matter of recycling.** Mr. Searcy requested that the Council look at recycling programs and to encourage, or require, citizen participation in order to eliminate recyclable waste going into the landfill. He stated that the location on 20<sup>th</sup> Street was not good and suggested locating a station near the Utility office or in the area of the Post Office. He added that it would be better to reward participation rather than to penalize those who did not participate.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**