

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR AND COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The February 10, 2014 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 Lannis Thornton and Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – January 30, 2014. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Application for Alcoholic Beverage (Beer, Retail Consumption on Premises) License/ New Business: Taco n Madre located at 21 M. L. King, Jr. Avenue - Jose Rigoberto Ruiz, Business Owner/Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located at 1236 Hwy. 84 West - Tax Map C22, Parcel 27 from C-1A (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) for a Single-Family Residence – Jackson E. Jones, Applicant/Owner. The rezoning was approved by Council on October 28, 2013. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-53 Entitled “Signs” of Chapter 22 Entitled Zoning of the Cairo Code of Ordinances. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager Addleton:

- Announced the retirement of Fire Chief Jim Fielding effective March 7th, and commented on the good job he had done.
- Presented a Grady County Schools Telecom Services Summary, referring to a recent meeting that was held with school officials.
- Presented a letter from DOT Engineer, Van Mason, who stated that, upon the city’s request, an analysis had been done to determine if a signal was warranted at the intersection of Hwy. 93 and Hwy. 111 South. The analysis had determined that it was not needed.

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- Airport Well Update – 24” well casing had been set in the 390-foot well, to be followed by installation of a test pump before moving the drilling rig to the 2nd well site.
- Presented the Phase 3 Street Resurfacing list and advised that the engineer was preparing the bid advertisement to run in the Cairo Messenger, with bids to be opened on March 19th and presented to the Mayor and Council on March 24th.
- Asked for GMA convention forms to be completed and returned to him.
- Reminded Mayor and Council of the annual SGGSA meeting on Feb. 27th.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cloud reported that he had received complaints about the low water pressure on 3rd Ave., SW, with Councilman Gwaltney adding that everything (utilities) on that street needed to be fixed before it was paved.
- Councilman Gilliard asked for an update on the burned Strickland house, with City Manager Addleton responding that he had discussed it with Brian Hayes and believed that the owner was now pursuing renovation. Councilman Gilliard also recommended not repaving the trail near the house and to consider abandoning it. He also asked that trash be cleared away at the Gateway area located at 1st Ave., NE and Highway 84.
- Councilman Cloud reported a bad pothole located at 4th St. and 4th Ave., SE.
- Councilman Douglas asked that the loud noise at the Airport that was created by a pilot practicing aerobatic maneuvers be investigated to see if he could be asked to stop, as it was creating a noise nuisance and not adding anything to the Airport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

During the regular meeting on at 6:20 p.m., Councilman Cloud made motion to enter into executive session. (To discuss the hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b) (2)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Present for the session were Mayor Burns; Mayor Pro Tem Thornton; Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, and Gwaltney; City Manager Addleton; City Attorney Lehman; and City Clerk Lee.

At 6:35 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to end the session, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK