

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The February 13, 2017 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor Burns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – January 9, 2017. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit for First Baptist Church – Running for Haiti 5K Run on February 25, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Kerry Dinkins and Debbie Waldrep, Applicants. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Proposed City of Cairo Compensatory Time Policy. Council Members reviewed the proposed policy which set the maximum hours to be accumulated at 56 for employees working 2,080 annual hours, 84 maximum hours for those working 2,190 annual hours (Police), and 98 hours for those working 2,980 annual hours (Fire). Councilman Douglas noted that any overtime worked in order for an employee to use comp time should be noted on the reports. Councilman Cox requested that the word “should” be changed to “shall” in reference to “when the maximum has been accumulated, no additional comp time “shall” be accrued until some of the accumulated time had been taken”. Councilman Cox made motion to approve the policy with the wording change, and motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas. Motion was amended by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Douglas to set an effective date of March 1st for policy implementation. Motion passed unanimously by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant Program for 20th Street Rehabilitation. City Manager Addleton announced that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) had approved the expenditure of \$462,818.00 from the City’s Revolving Loan Fund for the reconstruction of 20th Street NE/SE which was in very poor condition because of heavy truck traffic. The project would facilitate additional truck traffic and the creation of 100 new jobs by Woodhaven Industries for low and moderate income persons. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Public Hearing - Alcohol Pouring License Application- Ramiro Mora Castillo dba Restaurante Michoacán, Inc. – Beer and Liquor, Retail Pouring at 1255 Hwy 84E – Ramiro Mora Castillo, Applicant. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed.

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Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Professional Services Agreement with Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc. for Technical and Administrative Services for the 20th Street, NE/SE Full-Depth Reclamation. Council Members reviewed the agreement, with Councilman Douglas confirming that part of the fees were to be reimbursed by the Joint Development Authority. Motion to approve the agreement and authorize execution by Mayor Burns was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. Departmental Reports for the Month of January 2017. Reviewed and discussed.

2. Finance Report from the Months of November and December 2016. Councilman Douglas reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the reports, and they were in line with the budget; with projected December electric sales a little low. Motion to approve the reports was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3. City Manager's Report.

- Requested that 2017 GMA Convention registration forms be completed.
- Reported that the 2017 election and qualifying information had been properly advertised.
- Reported on the aluminum Streetscape mast arms that had been received, which had not been the kind intended and needed to be replaced, with the cost to be partially funded by the contractor, JCI, at \$20,000 and the City's cost at \$30,000. There would be a 12-week lead time; but he believed that replacement, which would still be within budget, was the best option.
- Received a letter of thanks from Thomasville for recent assistance by utility crews.
- Received email from MEAG that they were filing a declaratory judgement for clarification regarding the old easements in place for the transmission line project. He added that some residents in that area had been notified as well and would be given a chance to speak. Atty. Claire Chason was present and interpreted the notice to mean that the question might also be regarding the easements pulled by the City. Councilman Cox requested that communication with MEAG be kept open.
- Budget Workshop planned for next meeting.

4.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cox asked that a growing dip in the street on 11th Ave., NW between Sutton Mill Rd. and 12th Ave., be checked. He also reported two holes on North Broad St., one in front of 709 North Broad St, and the other between 6th and 7th Ave., NW. He also thanked the Electric Dept. for their work during a recent power outage.

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- Councilman Cloud asked that political signs and some tax business signs be removed from rights-of-way. He also requested that ditches be cleaned on 2nd Ave., SW between MLK and Teresa Edwards St.
- Councilman Douglas commended City crews for the work that had been done on Hwy. 84.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:35 p.m. Councilman Cloud made motion to go into executive session 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)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Present for the session were Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton, Staff Members City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee.

After discussion ended, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to go out of executive session, seconded by Councilman Thornton 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.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR