

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MARCH 27, 2017

The March 27, 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. and Council Members James H. Douglas and Jerry L. Cox. Councilmen Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton were out of town. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, and Fire Chief Bill Schafer. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda with an item added under Other Business to discuss the use of CNS proceeds was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 13, 2017. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Jerome Bryant with the Cairo Reds Baseball Team was present to request the use of the baseball field at Holder Park for their games to be held on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. After discussion, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Annexation of 20th Street, SE from the Current City Limits Line Extending South up to its Intersection with Joyner Road. The hearing was held without comment.

Annexation of 20th Street, SE from the Current City Limits Line Extending South up to its Intersection with Joyner Road and Introduction of Annexation Ordinance.

Attorney Lehman advised that he had prepared a deed for the County to sign over the street to the City, and it should be signed prior to the next meeting. After discussion, motion to approve the annexation was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present. The annexation ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

2017 Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Applications. After discussion, motion to approve the applications was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Cairo Fire Department Request for Vehicle. Five quotes were received for a new 2017 truck: **1.)** Fairway Ford of Evans – Ford, \$29,706.36; **2.)** Brannen Motor Co of Unadilla – Ford, \$29,829.00; **3.)** Hobson of Cairo – Chevrolet, \$32,057.18, **4.)** Stallings Motors of Cairo – Dodge, \$32,061.00; and **5.)** Brannen Motor Co. of Unadilla – Chevrolet, \$33,562.00. Chief Schafer advised that the vehicle would replace a 2007 Ford that had been decommissioned by the Police

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MARCH 27, 2017

Dept. and had been in use by the Fire Dept. for six years. Council Members discussed the bid options for the truck which Chief Schafer advised were the same as those for the previous purchase. The location of the various bidders was also discussed, with Chief Schafer reporting that the low bidder, who was located the longest distance away, had the truck in stock. It was asked if SPLOST could be used for the purchase, with City Manager Addleton reporting that there had been one million dollars allocated for Public Safety, but other purchases had been made. After discussion, motion to approve the purchase from the low bidder, Fairway Ford, in the amount of \$29,706.36 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel located on 8th Ave., NE – County Tax Map C21, Parcel 73.1 from C-1A (Restricted Office-Institutional District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel located at the NW corner of the intersection of 8th St., NE and 3rd Ave., NE – Tax Map C26, Parcel 144 from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Use of CNS Proceeds. City Manager Addleton advised that the payout of approximately \$3.5 million would be at the end of April. Councilman Douglas suggested that the money be set aside in a separate account and earmarked for construction of the Police Department, as well as some for a reserve in case of a need to put up funds for another use. Councilman Cloud asked City Manager Addleton to arrange a tour of a police department building in another city. After discussion, motion to put the funds in a separate interest-bearing account to be used for the Police Department building was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- Southwest Georgia Hospice had held a tree-planting ceremony for a small magnolia planted at Davis Park on the previous Monday.
- A Defensive Driving course had been taken by City employees the previous week.
- Safe Sidewalks would be in town on April 3rd working on MLK and 4th Ave., wrapping up the sidewalks project.
- The GMA District meeting would be in Camilla on April 13th and an RSVP was needed.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council: None

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR