

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 10, 2017

The April 10, 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 Councilman Thornton.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – March 27, 2017. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

1.) Arthur Anderson. Mr. Anderson was present to request that the Council do something to keep kids from playing basketball in the street. He and several Council Members noted areas over the City where they had observed basketball goals being pulled out to the street, and kids in the street playing. Atty. Lehman suggested strengthening wording in the City's Street/Sidewalks ordinance to try to prohibit the problem.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance for the Annexation of 20th St., SE from the Current City Limits Line Extending South up to its Intersection with Joyner Road. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption 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). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel located at the NW corner of the intersection of 8th St., NE and 3rd Ave., NE – County Tax Map C26, Parcel 144 from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Georgia Unified Certification Program MOU for U.S. DOT Recipients. The document between the Ga. DOT and the Cairo-Grady County Airport would replace the one executed in 2002, but the agreement was essentially the same. After review, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Additional FY 2017 GDOT LMIG Funding. City Manager Addleton advised that the Legislature had appropriated additional funding to be targeted toward safety improvements for off-system roads. He proposed using funds to stripe 9.25 miles of City streets which would be approximately \$18,000 with a required City match of 30% or \$5,400. He requested approval to submit the application and authorize the Mayor to sign. After discussion, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution to Accept a Cash (\$50,000) Gift from Ms. Grace (David) Stallings. The funds were to be placed in a restricted account and used to improve and beautify Forest Lawn Cemetery. A group of citizens, including Ms. Stallings, had already met to consider beautification plans. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution to accept the gift 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 March 2017. Council reviewed and discussed the reports.

2.) Financial Report for the Month of February 2017. Councilman Douglas advised that the Finance Committee had reviewed the report, and he made motion to approve it. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3.) City Manager:

- Safe Sidewalks had finished repairs on MLK and were working on 4th Ave./Hwy 111 South this week.
- A pre-construction meeting for the 20th Street project was held with Peavy Construction last week, with a Notice to Proceed on April 10th. Peavy indicated they may begin paving in May.
- The District 10 meeting was to be held in Camilla on Thursday, April 13th, at 6:00 p.m.
- City Manager Addleton announced that he would be attending the Electric Cities of Ga. Summit in Atlanta Wednesday through Friday of this week.
- MEAG has a new South Georgia Regional Manager, Matthew Chancey.

4.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported two dips in the road on Loblolly Lane.
- Councilman Cox asked if Atty. Lehman would look at amending the code regarding kids playing in the street.
- Councilman Cox asked if there had been any communication regarding the MEAG transmission lines court action, with Atty. Lehman responding in the negative.
- Councilman Cloud reported a water leak in the middle of the street on 2nd Ave., NE south of the Courthouse.
- Mayor Burns reported a leak on 3rd Ave., NW.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR