

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 13, 2015

The April 13, 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, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Asst. City Clerk Sandra Roberts, and Energy Services Director Rod Prince. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was 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 Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – March 23, 2015. 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing - Rezoning Request from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) - 337 6th Avenue, N. E. - Tax Map C26, Parcel 60.2 – Brumbley Creek Properties, LLC, Owner. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

Rezoning Request from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) - 337 6th Avenue, N. E. - Tax Map C26, Parcel 60.2 – Brumbley Creek Properties, LLC, Owner. (Based on consideration of zoning criteria, both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of rezoning). After review, motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Public Hearing - Rezoning Request from C-1A (Office-Institutional District) to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District) - 1212-1224 Hwy 84 West –Tax Map C22, Parcel 30 – JFD Properties, Inc., Owner. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

Rezoning Request from C-1A (Office-Institutional District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) - 1212-1224 Hwy 84 West –Tax Map C22, Parcel 30 – JFD Properties, Inc., Owner. (Based on consideration of zoning criteria, both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of rezoning). After review, motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Public Hearing - Conditional Use Request for a Church within the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) 121 2nd Avenue, N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 56 – New Covenant Christian

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Church of Grady Co., Inc., Applicant – Mr. Chick, Inc., Owner. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Request for a Church within the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) - 121 2nd Avenue, N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 56 - New Covenant Christian Church of Grady Co., Inc., Applicant – Mr. Chick, Inc., Owner. (Both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of the conditional use request). After review, motion to approve the conditional use for a church was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

HB57 Solar Power Free-Market Financing Act 2015. Energy Services Director Rod Prince briefed the Council on HB57 and stated that a policy would need to be put in place to govern the use of solar, along with rules and regulations. A draft was reviewed, with Mr. Prince explaining to the Council that the City would need to determine a cost for those customers that would like to connect to our system. After discussion, it was decided that a policy would be presented at the next meeting to be considered for adoption.

Resolution for Recognition of Georgia Cities Week. After review, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- The Library had requested funding.
- There was a pre-construction meeting for the Community Block Grant – 8th St. Sewer Rehab.
- Five solid waste proposals had been received.
- Department budget workshops were being held.
- Met with Community Services Director Mitchell and Georgia Safe Sidewalks. There were a total of 387 mild hazards and 302 severe hazards over a total of 4.9 miles of sidewalk. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to do the entire project at a total cost of \$38,135.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed by all Councilmembers. The work on the project would begin the week of April 27th.
- District 10 listening session to be held in Moultrie.

3. Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Thornton – Reported that the railroad on 4th St., NW had not been repaired, and the Crepe Myrtles at 4th and 4th, NW needed to be cut back.
- Councilman Cloud asked that a car parked on 3rd Ave., SW between 6th and 7th be moved, as it was on the right of way. He also asked to be removed from the Plant Vogtle list.

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

APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

SANDRA P. ROBERTS, ASST. CITY CLERK