

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - APRIL 24, 2017

The April 24, 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, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Lannis Thornton was absent due to illness. 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 Gwaltney.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – April 10, 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:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Alcoholic Beverage Application, New Manager – Heidi Carolina Ruiz dba Taco N’ Madre – Beer, Retail Consumption on Premises and Liquor, Retail Pouring located at 21 MLK Ave., SW. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

SPLOST 2008 Analysis Summary of Proceeds and Expenditures Related to the Joint Projects as Listed in the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County. City Manager Addleton had asked Auditor Tom Carmichael, Jr. to conduct an analysis which revealed that all the special interest groups were overpaid, except the Aquatic Center which had not yet been started. Councilman Douglas thanked Mr. John Brannon, who was present, for checking into this and bringing it to his attention. With regard to the overpayments of \$114,540 to the special groups, he added that only the amounts approved should have been paid, and the City knew what was collected and what the County paid to the City. Atty. Lehman pointed out that the 2008 SPLOST had closed March 31, 2014, with Councilman Cox inquiring if the County had sent completion certificates or published end-of-the-year reports for the SPLOST. City Manager Addleton noted that Mr. Carmichael was of the opinion that most projects do run over, but excess money was usually used for streets, roads, and bridges, or to pay down debt. City Manager Addleton thought that the percentage amount that was used for the special interest payments kept being sent to them by the County rather than stopping at the cap. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to direct City Manager Addleton to request the City’s remaining proceeds of \$212,574 (amount from audit) from the County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Motion was also made by Councilman Douglas to direct City Manager Addleton to request from the County the City’s 39% (\$44,670.60) of the overages (\$114,540) paid, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Councilman Douglas also requested a report on the current 2014 SPLOST. Councilman Cox pointed out, that according to Exhibit A of the Agreement, the

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schedule was not followed for the 2008 SPLOST. Mr. Brannon asked to speak and pointed out that if there was any money left from the \$900,000 for the aquatic center, the City would be entitled to 39% of that also. Councilman Douglas stated that, after the report was presented to the Commissioners by the auditor last Tuesday night, he expected to have received a check. City Manager Addleton added that there was \$1.1 M in proceeds sitting in the account at the County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1.) City Manager’s Report:

- Some City employees had traveled for training on Saturday and Sunday, with a City truck stopping at a package store. Appropriate disciplinary action had been taken including time off without pay.
- There was a meeting held last week regarding AMI meter installation, and Utility Solutions of America is to begin work around June 5th which would take four months to complete.
- Employees have been in Drug Awareness and Sexual Harassment Training this week.
- Proposals for solid waste collection are due Friday.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Atty. Lehman asked about Metro Power and the status on the installation of the mast arms, with City Manager Addleton replying that some work was being done, but the mast arms would not be in until May.
- Councilman Douglas asked about the 20th St. project, learning that prep work was just beginning.
- Councilman Cox requested that City Manager Addleton go over the city vehicle policy with staff.
- Councilman Cloud asked about the status of a previously reported water leak in the middle of the street on 2nd Ave., NE south of the Courthouse. He also asked that all the City signs on City vehicles be checked for correct spelling.

Executive Session: At 6:30 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 Douglas and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. 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, and Robert L. Gwaltney; Staff Members City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee.

After discussion ended, motion was made at 6:45 p.m. by Councilman Douglas to go out of executive session, seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

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

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR