

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 25, 2016

The April 25, 2016 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 James H. Douglas, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., 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, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

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 – April 11, 2016. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: Mr. Jason McGhin – Clark Funeral Home – Forest Lawn Cemetery Regulations. Mr. McGhin had a conflict and could not attend the meeting. City Manager Addleton advised that Mr. McGhin had requested to be allowed to install coping in the mausoleum section at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Councilman Cloud noted that the use of coping had been discontinued some years ago due to the potential for chipping during maintenance by weed-eaters with metal blades, adding that most perpetual care cemeteries did not allow coping. Mr. McGhin had stated in his letter that coping would provide floral space, better protection from mowers, add a finished product, and help deter run-off. City Manager Addleton advised that grading had been done in that area during the last few days to solve a drainage issue. Councilman Douglas suggested that Councilman Cloud, City Manager Addleton, and Mr. McGhin meet to discuss the matter.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend the City Charter. (A public hearing was held, and the ordinance was introduced at the April 11, 2016 meeting). Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Section 1-8 Entitled “General Penalty; Continuing Violations” to Change Code of Ordinances to Agree with Charter. (The ordinance was introduced at the April 11, 2016 meeting). The ordinance would change Section 1-8 in the code book to coincide with the change in the Charter. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Section 9-3 Entitled “Jurisdiction” of Chapter 9 Entitled “Court and Criminal Procedure” to Change Code of Ordinances to Agree with Charter. (The ordinance was introduced at the April 11, 2016 meeting). The ordinance would change Section 9-3 in the code book to coincide with the change in the Charter. Motion was

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made by Councilman Thornton to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone Parcels on Church St., SW (Tax Map C14, Parcels 166 and 166.1) from R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) - Judson Gee, Jr., Applicant. Councilman Thornton left the dais and did not take part in the discussion or voting. The rezoning was approved at the March 28th meeting, and the ordinance was introduced at the April 11th meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved, with all Council Members except Councilman Thornton voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager Addleton's Report:

- Employee Drug Awareness and Sexual Harassment training would be conducted during the week.
- Both the inspector and flagman were in town last Friday, and the bore under the railroad was completed. The water main was being worked on today, and then Public Works would be doing their part, hoping to finish this week. Afterward, the contractor would be installing the stormwater drain across Broad Street at M. L. King.
- A Budget Workshop would be held after the May 9th meeting.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cox asked about the old Pure Oil sign that had been left on the lot where the snow cone business was located on North Broad Street and Highway 84.
- Councilman Cloud requested that business cards be provided to the Council before the convention in Savannah, and also shirts for Councilman Cox.
- Councilman Douglas asked if it could be looked into to learn if it would be possible to put street name signs on the traffic light lines at Alton Hall Road, as trucks sometimes missed the turn and had to detour down MacIvor to get back to Hall Rd.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR