

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 11, 2015**

The May 11, 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 James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m. 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 Gwaltney.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting – April 27, 2015.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Request for Maxwell Family Reunion to be held at Holder Park on September 5, 2015 – Esther Green, Applicant (park, baseball field, basketball court, picnic area, and restrooms).** After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Councilman Cloud joined the meeting at this time.

**Request for Tent Sale of Sparklers at 361 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., NE (Wal-Mart parking lot) – June 24 through July 5, 2015 – Martha Duvall/Kathy Roos, Applicant, TNT Fireworks.** Council Members discussed, with Attorney Lehman advising that a new law, HB 110, regarding the sale of fireworks would become effective July 1st. The City would not be allowed to prohibit the sale of fireworks but could determine through zoning where they could be sold. He was in the process of studying the bill and preparing an ordinance to address the law. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to suspend action on the request until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Proposal Presentations from the Two Low-Bidders, Advanced Disposal Services and Taylor Waste Services.** Mr. David Dent and Mr. Jerry Lovett were present representing Advanced Disposal Services. Mr. Dent stated that his company had been founded in 2000 by waste business professionals, and was now the second largest waste industry in the nation and the largest independently or privately-owned in America. They serviced 18 states, including the Bahamas, with 732 municipal contracts including over 100 cities and counties in Georgia. They disposed of over 51,000 tons a day in their landfill and employed over 5,400 people. He added that they offered competitive pricing and good customer service with 91% renewals on contracts; and, he personally, had a 100% renewal rate in the South Georgia district. Mr. Lovett had handed out some letters of recommendations to the Council from three similar-sized cities and a list of other contracts. They would provide support for community groups and projects and had looked at property to rent. They would buy fuel, parts, and products in Cairo and provide accountability, accessibility, availability, as well as state of the art equipment, multiple trucks and equipment, and personnel. In closing, he added that the company would also offer their ability to consult and assist with the closing and post-closure of the landfill.

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Mr. Chris Taylor of Taylor Waste Services stated that he had been in business for 17 years, and had picked up garbage in Whigham for 13 years. He noted that one of the concerns expressed had been if he was big enough, and he emphasized that he had picked up in the county 17 years, and picked up garbage in Whigham every Friday. The only difference was that the City of Cairo picked up Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and it would be the same repetition every week. He noted that the newspaper had stated that the City wanted to go with Advanced because of the purchase of inventory; but that every time he spoke with the city manager about privatization, he had always said he would be more than happy to purchase the City's equipment at that point. He added that Advanced was bigger, but he didn't require 20 men and 10 trucks, and was willing to provide anything to meet the City's needs. In closing, he emphasized that the decision to be made was very important to Taylor Waste, as well as important to a lot of local business people.

Mr. David Stallings asked who had submitted the low bid, and wasn't that the purpose of bids. Mayor Burns advised that it was, but sometimes there were extra-ordinary circumstances that would forgo the low bid. He added that additional information had been provided by Mr. Taylor since the last meeting, and it would be reviewed by the Council who would revisit the two bid proposals, as well as the current collection by the City. A decision would be made at a later date.

Mike Chastain, President of United National Bank, spoke to the financial ability of Taylor Waste, stating that Mr. Taylor had the financial ability and the backing of the bank with his needs, if necessary, in connection with the garbage contract.

Mr. Chuck Thomas stated that he believed in promoting local business, and that renting a building did not mean "local" if profits go elsewhere. He added that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has said that money spent locally circulates through the community seven times.

Mayor Burns thanked the two businesses for presenting their information and others present for their attendance and comments.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Public Hearing: New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Liquor, Pouring – El Paso Mexican Restaurant located at 1255 Highway 84 East – Rogelio Chavez, Applicant.** Mr. Chavez was present for the hearing and answered questions, stating that he had been in business for 21 years and had 10 family-owned restaurants in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia. He hoped to open in Cairo in about 10 days. After comments, the hearing was closed.

**New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Pouring – El Paso Mexican Restaurant located at 1255 Highway 84 East - Rogelio Chavez, Applicant.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Mr. Chavez was informed that he would not be able to obtain a license until the Code Enforcement Department had issued a certificate of occupancy.

**Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Application for Retail Beer, Consumption on Premises, at 351 9<sup>th</sup> St., NE – Ramiro Mora-Castillo, Applicant.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**GMA Election of District 10 Officers for 2015-2016.** After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the slate of nominees as presented, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Rescheduling May 25, 2015 Council Meeting due to Memorial Day Holiday.** Council discussed and agreed to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

- 1.) **Departmental Reports.** Councilman Gilliard commented on the number of domestic calls made by the Police Department, and Councilman Douglas asked for information regarding a check valve replacement.
- 2.) **City Manager Addleton:**
  - Reported that employee health screenings had been scheduled for this week.
  - The tour of Plant Vogtle had been good.
  - Safe Sidewalks employees were currently making repairs on North Broad Street and would be back in July to do more repair work.
- 3.) **Reports from Mayor and Council:**
  - Councilman Cloud requested that the high grass be cut on Highway 84 West between the Magnolia Subdivision entrance and Highway 112 North. He also asked that the Police Department patrol for speeders on M. L. King in the area near Washington Middle School. He asked that the City cut limbs hanging over the fence at Cairo Cemetery, or ask the property owner to do so.

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

**APPROVED:**

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**ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**