

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 22, 2017

The May 22, 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 Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman James H. Douglas was out of town, and Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was unable to attend the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton 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 Mayor Burns.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.) Regular Council Meeting- May 8, 2017. 2.) Budget Workshop Meeting – May 8, 2017. Motion to approve the minutes of both meetings as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Permit for Saving Grace – Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence Walk to be held on October 28, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Noni Brown, Applicant. (This item was postponed from the May 8th meeting to obtain more information). After review, motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget – Receive Citizen Input. There were no public comments offered, and the hearing was closed.

Review of City Vehicle Use Policy. Council had requested at the May 8th meeting that the vehicle use policy be reviewed. Council Members discussed a proposed policy, with Councilman Cox asking for something to be added to address transporting non-employees in City vehicles. He also asked about drug testing when accidents occur, learning that it was covered in the drug policy. City Manager Addleton advised that the City’s Safety Committee had recommended having a separate Seat Belt Usage Policy and Disciplinary Action. Councilman Cox felt that the third offense discipline should be more specific, such as “up to and including termination”, and to be determined by someone other than the department heads who may have varying opinions on discipline. City Manager Addleton was requested to make changes and bring the proposed policy back to the next meeting.

Outsourcing of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. The two companies with the best outsourcing proposals had made presentations to the Council at the May 8th meeting. City Manager Addleton reported that he and Community Services Director Mitchell believed that the City should outsource the service before the landfill’s useful life comes to an end. They also felt confident that

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either of the two companies could perform the service, and recommended to enter into contract negotiations with the low cost local provider, Taylor Waste Services, Inc. A sample agreement had been provided for review, and City Manager Addleton asked for feedback. Councilman Cox made motion to negotiate with Taylor Waste, Inc. and asked that the contract contain guidelines, or a cap, on increases during the contract period. He reminded the Council that Councilman Douglas had suggested that a performance bond also be required. Councilman Cloud seconded the motion. Mayor Burns expressed that he had not been able to reconcile how a contractor could be more efficient and cost effective than the City. Councilman Cox offered that the contractor will be taking on the risks such as Worker's Compensation. City Manager Addleton added that the City is efficient with garbage collection, but the debris collection could be better. He noted that a private contractor would find efficiencies due to his cost involved and would also get a better price from a transfer station. Mr. Chris Taylor, who was present for the meeting, added that the commercial collection would be where the City would benefit as he would be paying tipping fees on that. He added that the City would be getting \$1.25 per household without doing any collection of garbage and trash. Councilman Cox added that Taylor could also spread his cost over all his customers to make it more feasible. After discussion, the motion passed with Council Members present voting in favor of the motion, with the exception of Councilman Thornton who voted against.

Renewal of 2017 Annual Lease Agreement between the City of Cairo and Grayson Hall. The lease was for 33.5 acres of farm land on the Airport property at \$45.00 per acre, totaling \$1,507.50. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the lease, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Rescheduling the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting to June 20, 2017 in Conjunction with the Special Called Meeting for the Final Adoption of the Budget Ordinance for FY 2017-2018. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve rescheduling the meeting, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager's Report:

- Update on DOT Safety Grant. Due to the cost of pedestrian guardrails and retaining wall requirements, it was recommended that the sidewalk planned for the north side of Highway 84 East be installed instead on the south side of the road.
- Plans to attend the GMA Service Delivery Strategy workshop in Albany on May 23rd.
- Plans to advertise for Airport consultant planning and engineering services.

2.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported low places in road on Loblolly Lane.
- Councilman Cox reported a water valve sunken in on 11th Ave., NW, west of 4th Street.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR