

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 23, 2016

The May 23, 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 Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Pro Tem James H. Douglas was out of town for continuing education classes. 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 Thornton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – May 9, 2016. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Budget Workshop Meeting – May 9, 2016. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: (See last item of minutes).

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2016-17 Budget – Receive Citizen Input. There were no comments made; therefore, the hearing was closed.

Consider Forest Lawn Mausoleum Border. City Manager Addleton reported that he, Councilman Cloud, and Jason McGhin of Clark Funeral Home had met at Forest Lawn Cemetery regarding a request from the owner of a mausoleum to install a border around their unit to keep water off. Councilman Cloud added that during a 13” rain, the water runoff from the higher area behind it was up on the monument and slab. The owner wanted to have the monument raised, first tearing up the concrete and re-pouring a 12” slab, and then adding a border tall enough to hide the concrete. The six inch border would not define the lot but would be within the lot lines. City Manager Addleton noted that some storm water work had been done in that area recently to help eliminate the problem. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to allow the installation of the border for this owner, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present. It was explained that there would be no changes in the cemetery regulations.

Consider Alcoholic Beverage Application, Change of Ownership – Nakul Patel, Applicant, dba L & M Food Mart – Beer and Wine, Retail Package at 1001 5th St., NE. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. City Manager's Report:

- S. Broad St. will remain closed for streetscape work through Friday, May 27th.
- Airport water project pre-construction meeting to be held Thursday with contractor, with hopes of beginning work by June 1st.
- Received potential loan approval from GEFA for AMI meters.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported a blind spot at 4th and 4th, NW; potholes at 2nd Ave. & 14th St., SW.
- Councilman Gwaltney reported a pothole on MLK. City Manager Addleton advised that the contractor was to fix the street and that he was holding approximately \$90,000 in retainage until it was repaired.
- Councilman Cox reported that the railroad track was in need of repair at the 3rd St., SE crossing.
- Councilman Cloud added other crossings at 4th St., SE and 4th St., NW/SW; asked that another request be made for traffic light at 5th St. and 4th Ave., SE; reported water leak at 1st Ave., NE near Dr. Dekle's office; and valve leaks at 3rd St. and 2nd Ave, NE, and also at 3rd St. and 6th Ave., NE.
- Councilman Cox asked for figures on how eliminating the comp time policy had increased overtime and if it had caused any cash flow issues. He also requested that a good comp time policy be reconsidered and reactivated. He also asked how the recent change in overtime law would affect City employees, with City Manager Addleton responding that only three salaried employees would be affected, and those three worked little or no overtime.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:20 p.m., motion to enter 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)) was made by Councilman Cox. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Present for the session were Mayor Burns; Council Members Cloud, Cox, Gwaltney, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; City Attorney Lehman; and City Clerk Lee.

At 6:30 p.m., motion to end the executive session was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE SESSION: The session was called to discuss the purchase of a lot owned by Andrew Dekle known as County Tax Map C20A, Parcel 1.1 located behind City Hall. The assessed fair market value was \$11,874, and the owner had agreed on a sale price of \$8,500, based on an official appraisal report from Southwest Georgia Appraisal Services. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to purchase the lot for \$8,500, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

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Mr. LaDerrick Williams joined the meeting at this time. He stated that he was from Cairo but currently living in Enterprise, Al. and wished to schedule a community talent showcase at Holder Park in the ballfield parking area on June 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. He planned to have a flatbed trailer there, with Councilman Cloud asking who would be responsible if someone should fall off the trailer and get hurt, and also informing him that the City had approved the use of the ballfield by the Cairo Reds on Sunday afternoons. Councilman Cox noted that the application had not gone through the proper channels, such as approval by various department heads. Mr. Williams was instructed by Council to eliminate the trailer, choose another date (which he agreed to June 26th), complete the application, and submit it to be considered on the next meeting agenda.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR