

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 8, 2015

The June 8, 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, 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 City Manager Addleton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.) Regular Council Meeting – May 26, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) Budget Workshop Meeting - May 26, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Special Event Permit for July 4th Cook-off in Holder Park on July 4, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Booker Gainor, Applicant. Mr. Gainor informed the Council that he had arranged for parking and had also designated emergency zones. He added that he wanted the event to bring unity in the community. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2. Special Event Permit for Block Party on July 4, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Request Street Closure on 16th St., SW, from Holder Ave., SW to 2nd Ave., SW - Sammie and Pam Cooper, Applicants. The applicants' daughter, Ms. Nicole Lamoute, was present and stated that it would be a family event, and they had gotten permission signatures from the people living on that part of the street. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3. Special Event Permit for a Church Benefit at Wilson Chapel, 1300 MLK – Request for Side Street Closure of 2nd Ave., SW from MLK to 14th St., SW on August 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Shirley Morgan (Wilson Chapel), Applicant. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the request of the Council at the last meeting, Attorney Lehman gave a report on his findings regarding the limit on the number of liquor stores currently allowed based on population. He expressed his view that if there was a substantial reason to control that number, the Council could do so. He did not recommend changing the number allowed, so the other option was to lift the limit imposed and let the market dictate or decide. There were several package store owners present, and Mayor Burns allowed them to speak concerning the limit restriction.

Mr. Albert Smith, Jr., of 1062 Upper Hawthorne Trail and owner of Smitty's Package Store, did not believe there was justification to lift the cap of three stores. He stated that there had been four stores

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in 2001, and when he later purchased the Grady Liquors property, the limit had already been capped at three; so he could not have two package stores. He added that growth did not warrant another store; and if the cap was lifted, with chain stores coming in, it would be the end to the Mom and Pop stores.

Mr. Maxwell Crapps, of 2600 Highway 84 East, stated that he was representing many in that area who believed the location of a liquor store in the former Seminole Wind building would be detrimental to them and the City, and would not send the right message. He added that there would be an increase in traffic, as well as Police traffic, and didn't see the need for another store but was more concerned about the location. In closing, he stated that he understood Mr. Cochran's dilemma, but that the citizens should not have to reap the consequences of a bad investment.

Mrs. June Knight, of 270 Trinity Road and owner of the Wine Rack Package Store, stated that the State limits the number of licenses to two, but that it was being challenged; and there was a fight against the number being lifted. She stated that Mr. Cochran had said another store would be bringing business to Cairo, but she felt that the business was already here; and people, including herself, did go to Thomasville to eat and shop there at the same time. She added that there was only so much pie in Grady County and Cairo; and every time another business was added, the pie was sliced into smaller pieces. In closing, she added that when the population grew, then lift the restriction.

Mr. Dave Cochran of Thomasville, along with Mr. LaDon Toole, was present. He noted that when he had applied for his license in Thomasville, a gentlemen who had spoken out against him was now a good customer. He added that the business name was not obvious that it was a package store, and he was located across the street from a church and would not offend anyone. Regarding traffic, he brought out that Seminole Wind had more traffic than a package store would have. In closing, he stated that he was very community-minded, providing support to various organizations, and hoped to provide tax revenue and some jobs in Cairo.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing - Rezoning Request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) – Lot located at 1593 6th Ave., NW – Tax Map 53, Parcel 11; also from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) – lots located East of Cairo Landfill and North of 6th Ave., NW – Tax Map C2, Parcels 1.3, 1, 1.1, 1.2, 2 and 2.1; and Tax Map C3, Parcels 4, 3.2, 3, and 3.1; and from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) – Lots located East of Cairo Landfill and South of 6th Ave., NW – Tax Map C3, Parcels 5 and 10 –Applicant, City of Cairo (Cairo Landfill). The public hearing was held without comment.

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Public Hearing – New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Liquor Pouring – Cam's Place Restaurant & Bar, LLC –2800 Highway 84 East, Cameron F. Hines, Applicant. The hearing was held without comment.

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Approval of New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring – Cam’s Place Restaurant & Bar, LLC –2800 Highway 84 East - Cameron F. Hines, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Approval of Final Budget and Introduction of Budget Ordinance for FY 2015-2016. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the Budget (\$48,703,464) at the department level, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. The Budget Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Entitled “Fireworks, License and Sale” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia. (Ordinance was introduced at the May 26th meeting). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Municipal Court of Cairo Contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. (JAG). Due to the recent termination by Judge Bell of the contract with Red Hills Community Probation, LLC for probation services, Judge Bell had submitted a new contract with Judicial Alternatives, of Georgia, Inc. for Council approval. Attorney Lehman was asked if the City had to accept the contract or could it be rejected. He responded that he was not aware of any other probation companies that could provide the services. After review, motion to approve the contract agreement was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution to Authorize City Manager to Abate Nuisance (Overgrowth) at 2582 MacIvor Drive, NE – JP Morgan Chase Bank National, Owner. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution to abate the nuisance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution to Authorize City Manager to Abate Nuisance (Overgrowth) at 41 9th Ave., SW – William Keith Chapman, Owner. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution to abate the nuisance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone 1273 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SW - Tax Map C7, Parcel 78.1 from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) – Owners, Ernest Cooper and Delois Parker. (Rezoning approved March 9, 2015). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone 1275 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SW. - Tax Map C7, Parcel 78 from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) – Owners, Ernest Cooper and Delois Parker. (Rezoning approved March 9, 2015). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone 337 6th Ave., NE –Tax Map C26, Parcel 60.2 from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District), Owner Brumbley Creek Properties, LLC. (Rezoning approved April 13, 2015). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone 1212-1224 Hwy 84 West – Tax Map C22, Parcel 30 from C-1A (Office-Institutional District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District), Owner, JFD

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Properties, Inc. (Rezoning approved April 13, 2015). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Departmental Reports: Reviewed and discussed.

2.) Finance Report for the Month of April 2015: Councilman Douglas stated that the report showed that the City was on target and not in a cash crunch like this time last year. He made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3.) City Manager:

- CSX had repaired the 4th St. crossing.
- The Lullwater lift station bid opening would be on June 16th.
- Notice to Proceed on Azalea Park Improvements Project for next Monday.
- The 8th St., SW curb/gutter work to start next Monday.

4.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Gwaltney reported a pothole in the street at Oakdale and Lakewood.
- Councilman Cloud reported that CSX did not repair the crossing behind the old Harvey's and only replaced one cross tie at the 3rd Street crossing.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK