

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 12, 2017**

The June 12, 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 James H. Douglas, 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 City Manager Addleton.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – May 22, 2017.** Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members, except Councilman Douglas who abstained from voting.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**City Policy Review – Vehicle Use Policy.** A proposed policy was presented at the previous meeting, and City Manager Addleton had been requested to add a provision that provided that transporting non-employees in city vehicles was prohibited. He was also asked to further define the Seatbelt Policy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense action for not wearing a seatbelt. Councilman Douglas stated that he had originally asked for a review of the policy due to citizen calls regarding city vehicles at the ballfields, etc. He asked that the policy presented be revised to include wording that city vehicles driven to non-city events be approved by, not only the supervisors, but also by the city manager. Councilman Cloud added that Fire Dept. vehicles should not go on calls unless specifically called. Atty. Lehman advised that general policy was set by the city manager, and department heads further defined the policy. No action was taken on the policy which was to be revised further and brought back to the next meeting.

**FY2017 GDOT Multimodal Safety and Access Grant.** City Manager Addleton reported that DOT had been agreeable with moving the construction of a sidewalk from the north side of Highway 84 East to the south side. Councilman Douglas stated that he believed there was a better use of SPLOST funds. Councilman Cox was concerned with pedestrian safety near UPS with trucks going in and out, adding that crosswalks would have to be added. Councilman Douglas noted that it might also call for crossing guards. Councilman Cloud suggested that a sidewalk might be needed more on Highway 111 South between 7<sup>th</sup> St., SW and Westbrooks St. After discussion, motion to deny acceptance of the grant funds was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Rezoning Request from C-2 (Highway Commercial District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) located on Alton Hall Road, NE and identified as County Tax Map C39B, Parcels 9 and 10. Applicant: Mills Rentals, LLC (Ronnie Mills).** The public hearing was held with no comments made, and the hearing was closed.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – Rezoning Request from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) located on East Blvd. N. E. and identified as County Tax Map C34, Parcel 102. Applicant: Ethan Jackson Investments, LLC (Jeremiah Horne).** The hearing was held with no comments offered and was then closed.

**Rezoning Request from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) located on East Blvd. N. E. and identified as County Tax Map C34, Parcel 102. Applicant: Ethan Jackson Investments, LLC (Jeremiah Horne).** (Both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of rezoning). After review, motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Douglas and seconded by Councilman Cloud. Councilman Cox stated that it appeared there was no other use for the property, with Mr. Horne agreeing. Mayor Burns noted that a buffer had been recommended by the SWGRC, and Mr. Horne was given a copy of that report. Motion to approve rezoning passed unanimously by all Council Members.

**Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Section 18-2 entitled “Excavations, Encroachments, Obstructions” of Chapter 18 entitled “Streets and Sidewalks”.** After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Resolution and Supplemental Contract with Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. (ECG) for Pole Attachment Management Services.** Councilman Cox stated that he didn't fully understand the reason for the contract if the services had been previously done in-house. Councilman Douglas explained that the reason could be the technical side and having someone to require that pole attachers follow the terms of the contracts. City Manager Addleton added that there were some code requirements that ECG had negotiated. Under the agreement, they would provide contract administration and billing/collection services. Councilman Cox stated that he would like to see a one-year contract term, and asked if it would generate an increase in revenue versus doing it in-house. Councilman Douglas replied that he did not know that revenue would be impacted, but it may be in the future. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution and agreement 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 2017-2018 (\$41,961,185).** After review, motion to approve the budget was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. The ordinance was introduced.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**REPORTS:**

**1. Departmental Reports for the Month of May 2017.** Council reviewed and discussed the reports, with some questions concerning the Police Dept. special event overtime, water loss, Fire Dept. comp time hours and overtime budget, and Volunteer Firemen hours.

**2. Consider Financial Report for the Month of April 2017.** The report was approved upon motion by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**3. City Manager: No report**

**4. Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Cloud asked if the paving contractor would be doing more handicap ramps and striping on Hwy. 84.
- Councilman Douglas reported that the turn sensors on Hwy. 84 were not working well.

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

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**

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