

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 22, 2016

The August 22, 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 Mayor Pro Tem James H. Douglas, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., 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 and Times Enterprise Reporter Jordan Barela were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – August 8, 2016. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Special Event Permit for Cairo High School Homecoming Parade - Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. beginning at the Methodist Church and ending at the Library - Chris Lokey, Applicant. After discussion, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. It was noted that, should the streetscape not be finished by October 27th, it might be necessary to rearrange the route.

2.) Special Event Permit for Saving Grace - Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence Walk - October 27, 2016 - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Noni Brown, Applicant. (To begin after the Homecoming Parade is completed – same route as in previous years). After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Approval and Ratification of GIRMA Intergovernmental Contract Revisions. City Manager Addleton advised that the revisions were made to reflect current law, administrative practices, and the newly revised by-laws. After review, motion to approve the contract revisions was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

EPD Consent Order Related to Elevated Arsenic Levels in Water for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Quarters of 2015. City Manager Addleton advised that three of the four stipulations in the order including reducing the arsenic level, public notifications, and continued sampling had already been met. The fourth would be met by March 31, 2017 when the new water treatment facility with the arsenic treatment capability is operational. After review, motion to approve the

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consent order was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

MGAG Gas Supply Resolution and Amended and Re-stated Contract (Changes intended to limit the membership's exposure to a dispute by an individual member and to provide for an extension of the term to coincide with current and future long-term supply pre-payments). Attorney Lehman had previously reviewed the contract. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution and contract was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of R-3 Zoning Ordinance. (Ordinance was introduced at the August 8th meeting). Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Setting a Final 2016 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate. After review, motion to set the final 2016 millage rate at 8.325 net mills (13.71 gross mills, 5.385 rollback mills) was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2016. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

Appointment of Cairo Planning Commission Member (to serve the remaining balance of the unexpired term of recently resigned member, Ed Gravenstein, which would expire December 31, 2017). City Manager Addleton recommended the appointment of Hansell Bearden who had agreed to serve on the commission. After discussion, motion to approve the appointment was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Barbara Reddick, Senior Planner with SWGRC, presented a packet containing information on the services that the Commission provides to local governments, as well as some training opportunities that were available. Councilman Cloud requested that information be obtained on one of the training sessions.

Reports:

1. City Manager Addleton's Report:

- Council received an invitation from the County Commission to the Gate Closing at Tired Creek Lake to be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Safe Sidewalks crews would be back on September 6th to do sidewalk repair on South Broad St., 1st Ave., NE, 3rd Ave., NW, and Fourth St., NW.
- City Manager Addleton to attend a DOT pre-construction meeting on Sept. 7th regarding the resurfacing of Highway 84 and Spur 38.

2. Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cloud asked City Manager Addleton to notify the CSX railroad regarding spikes sticking out at the two crossings on 3rd and 4th Streets, NE.

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- Councilman Douglas asked that Atty. Lehman write a letter to the owner of A&R Metals instructing him to keep salvage material off the 20th Street right-of-way, with Atty. Lehman confirming that a consent order to that effect had been issued previously.
- Councilman Cox asked if a compliance officer could address the refrigerators dumped on 20th Street. Atty. Lehman did not think there was anything specific to refrigerators in the code except for general safety, and he was then requested to address that in the letter.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Councilman Douglas made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR