

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 24, 2015

The August 24, 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, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. and Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney were out of town and unable to attend. 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 Mayor Burns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – August 10, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Councilman Douglas asked that a clarification be made regarding the financing of the fire truck in the fifth sentence of the paragraph that discussed that item. A change would be made to replace the wording “\$300,000” to “part of funds”. The motion and second were amended to that effect, and motion was unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friendship House of Prayer Request for Special Event Permit – Praise In The Park (Holder Park) on September 12, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chanta Jones, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located adjacent to 1710 S. Broad Street – Tax Map 54, Parcel 32 from R-1A (Single-Family Residential) to C-1A (Restricted Office-Institutional District) - Owner Briland Construction Company (Magnolia Place) – Applicant/Owner, Jerry “Jay” L. McDaniel, III. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2015 (8.306 net mills). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Article I, Entitled “In General” of Chapter 20 Captioned “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo, Georgia (To create a four-way stop at the intersection of 8th St., SW and Adams Ave., SW). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 1-8 Entitled “General Penalty; Continuing Violations” of Chapter 1 entitled “General Provisions” of Part II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo (To change the penalty for imprisonment for City

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ordinance violations from “not more than sixty (60) days” to “not more than six (6) months” to correspond with Georgia Code 15-7-84. The ordinance was introduced, in part, to help alleviate situations where probationers needed more than sixty days to pay fines. Councilman Douglas inquired of Attorney Lehman if the ordinance could be adopted if it was in conflict with the City Charter. Atty. Lehman advised that it should not be, and Council requested him to look at having the Charter amended in order to solve this problem and to also review the Charter for other provisions that might need to be updated.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 9-3 Entitled “Jurisdiction” of Chapter 9 entitled “Court and Criminal Procedure” of Part II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo (to change the penalty for imprisonment for City ordinance violations from “not more than sixty (60) days” to “not more than six (6) months” to correspond with Georgia Code 15-7-84. The ordinance was introduced. (See above paragraph for discussion on this matter).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- Asked for direction in charging permit fees to public entities. Council discussed, with Councilman Douglas stating that he did not believe the Board of Education had been charged permit fees when he served on the board. Also discussed was whether to charge for inspections if no permit fee was charged. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, to waive the permit fee for Southside School on the condition that the school system would receive the benefit of that permit cost back to them, if it had been included in a contract/bid. City Manager Addleton pointed out that the Board might want the City to do some of the inspections. It was requested that research be done to set a policy addressing this matter.
- The 2016 CDBG application was not funded, but an application would be submitted again next year; as better pictures of the flooding had recently been obtained to accompany it.
- The 8th St. Project had been completed.
- There was a Notice to Proceed dated this date on the Lullwater Project.
- A preconstruction meeting on the ground water storage tank was to be held on Friday.
- The 2016 LMIG Street Resurfacing had been advertised, with bids to be received and then presented to Council in September.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council: None

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK