

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The September 25, 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 and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was out of town. 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 Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – September 18, 2017. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Michael Larkins – Enterprise Fleet Management. Mr. Larkins presented information on his company's program, stating that they worked with governmental entities as a part of GMA to help reduce the cost of fleet maintenance. This was done through a sustainable budget plan, reduction in fuel and maintenance costs, and proactive replacement of vehicles. After questions and discussion, Councilman Douglas noted that bids would have to be taken for this type of program, rather than a proposal.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Main Street Request for Special Event Permit: Downtown Trick or Treating, October 31, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Celeste Tyler, Applicant. After discussion regarding officer assistance and barricades, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeremiah Horne Request to Deed Property to City for Extension of East Blvd. Mr. Horne had requested the City to accept a right-of-way for East Blvd. extension along his property after he had it paved at his own expense. Without the street being extended, Mr. Horne would not have street frontage to the two parcels where he wanted to build apartments. City Manager Addleton reported that he had learned that a cul-de-sac would not be required, but he wanted paving specs provided and also wanted the Public Works Director involved with the stormwater plan. He added that putting in a paved street there would require work, and he preferred engineered plans for the development. Councilman Douglas stated that he had looked at the site and saw where East Blvd stopped and wondered how the surveyor could not have known the street did not extend up to area shown on the plat. Mr. Horne responded that the first survey had been done three years ago just to show what he was buying, and that the second survey did have a mistake which had been made known to him by the surveyor, adding that it was a human error made by the surveyor. Councilman Douglas pointed out that the subdivision was invalid now; and in the absence of attorney advice, he preferred not to accept the street until all specifications were met. Mr. Horne reiterated his desire to have the parcel as two lots so that he could build one building of 12 apartments and then add another later. He added that if there was more than one building on a lot, it would have to have R-PUD zoning which required three acres that he did not have, noting that this was a requirement particular to Cairo's zoning code. Councilman Cox had also looked at the site, stating that he would not accept the land in the condition it was in if a street had to be built. Mr. Horne asked if he got

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engineered plans drawn, would the City accept the road after a period of time. It was noted that Public Works Director Stokes wanted the road roughed in where he could look at it. Horne stated that the City needed to know where to put the water meters, either on top of the hill or where East Blvd. currently ended. City Manager Addleton requested engineered plans due to the slope of the land in order to provide good water flow and fire protection. After discussion, Councilman Thornton made motion to accept the land for the street extension after Mr. Horne paved it and met all City specifications based on an engineered set of plans. Councilman Douglas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2017 (7.691 net mills). The ordinance was introduced at the September 18th meeting. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Results from LAS Property Bids (Sale of Approximately 250 Acres). City Manager Addleton reported that two bids had been received: **1.)** Flint River Timber Co., Inc. - \$751.00 per acre, and **2.)** Bryan Keith Johnson, Jr., Colleen Millsaps, and Brad Smith - \$800.00 per acre. The appraisal value for the land was \$2,400 per acre, with the land at \$2,000 and the pine trees at \$400 per acre. After review, motion to reject all bids was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

City Personnel Policy Review – Amendment to Testing Procedures. Human Resource Director Carolyn Robinson had requested that the City's list of drugs to be tested for be amended to include those additional drugs tested for by Archbold. Additions were Heroin, Tramadol, Opiates to include Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, and Amphetamines including Methamphetamine and MDMA/Ecstasy/Molly. After review, motion to approve the change was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Property Abandonment (Part of Robinson Alley). City Manager Addleton reported that he had been approached by Ms. Teresa Sanford of 156 8th St., SW regarding a strip of land approximately 19' by 200' that was part of an undeveloped street. He added that the City had no use of the strip of land and recommended abandoning the property and directing Atty. Lehman to deed it to the adjoining property owners. Ms. Sanford had obtained signatures from the adjoining property owners requesting the abandonment and deeding of property. After review, motion to approve the recommendation was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Street Resurfacing Master Plan – Phase 6. City Manager Addleton presented the list of streets for resurfacing of 7 ½ miles, expecting to advertise for bids in October, open in November, award the project in December, and begin paving in January. There were two minor changes made: 1.) Pineacre Dr. paving – from 26th St., NE – to end at 22nd St. rather than the dead end, and 2.) 8th Ave., NW paving - a correction in street name from 7th to Smart St. After discussion, motion to approve the Phase 6 resurfacing was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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GDOT LMIG FY 2018 Program Application (\$149,921.89). City Manager Addleton requested that the allocation of funds be directed toward the Street Resurfacing Plan Phase 6. After review, motion to allocate the funds to the Phase 6 resurfacing and approve the application was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

GDOT LMIG FY 2017 Funds (\$149,970.81). City Manager Addleton requested that the 2017 funds directed toward the 20th St., SE Full Depth Reclamation Project, but not used for that project, be re-directed to the 10th Ave., NW stormwater improvements and resurfacing of 10th Ave., NW, and 6th St., NW (estimated to cost \$200,000). After review, motion to approve the project and re-allocate the funds was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- Downtown mast arms, decorative poles, and signals are being installed, with the concrete and paver work to be finished by the contractor, JCI.
- Taylor Waste is very busy catching up with storm debris and hopes to be back on regular schedule by Monday.
- Submitted email to Council from DOT regarding Road Safety Audit meeting with local officials.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cloud reported that the tree on 4th St., NE and Highway 84 had not been cut, and that there was a sign on the sidewalk near there.
- Councilman Douglas requested that the holes be repaired that had been dug out by the City trash truck that picked up yard debris.
- Councilman Douglas asked if the City could refuse the approval of plats that were done by surveyors based on their previous mistakes.

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR