

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - OCTOBER 9, 2017

The October 9, 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 Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman James H. Douglas was out of town. 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 Councilman Cloud.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES: Motion to approve the meeting agenda and minutes (September 25, 2017) was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Jeffrey Joseph – HEAT (Heating Energy Assistance Team, Inc.). Mr. Jones presented information on the HEAT program which provided energy assistance to needy Georgians. The program had distributed nearly \$23 million to more than 7,000 families since it began in 1983, with a total disbursement of \$2,720 to eight eligible households in Grady County last winter. He mentioned some of the energy, corporate, and municipal supporters of the program. He requested the City's participation by inserting a flyer in utility bills to allow customers to designate or pledge a donation amount to be added to their monthly bill. The City would collect and remit the donations to HEAT. After questions and discussion, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the City's participation with the only cost to be the printing of the flyer. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Cairo High School Special Event Request for Homecoming Parade, November 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Rezoning Request from R1-A (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 68 Alton Hall Road NE and identified as County Tax Map C39, Parcel 62. Applicant – Nyhema Kelly-Hicks. The hearing was held with Mrs. Kelly-Hicks, along with her mother, speaking about her plans to increase her day care business which cared for six children to a day care center where she could keep more children.

Rezoning Request from R1-A (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 68 Alton Hall Road NE and identified as County Tax Map C39, Parcel 62. Applicant – Nyhema Kelly-Hicks. Both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of the rezoning with a limited use provision that if the business ceased to operate, the property would revert back to R-1A zoning. Councilman Cox noted that the owner of a day care business across the road from this property had commented at the Planning Commission meeting that he hoped the City would require the

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same standards of Mrs. Hicks as they had for him. Councilman Cox noted that she would fall under the same standards and code. After discussion, motion to approve the rezoning was made by Councilman Cloud and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion was amended to include the limited use provision of a day care center, and was unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Airport Consultant Agreement for Professional Services. City Manager Addleton reported that the GDOT – Aviation Division required airport consultant services to be considered at least every five years, and after advertising the request for qualifications in May, the only responsive proposal was from Croy Engineering. He recommended approval of the Master Agreement between the City and Croy Engineering. After review, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Setting Compensation for Poll Workers for November 7, 2017 General Election. The proposed compensation for poll workers was \$160 for the poll manager, \$130.00 for the asst. poll managers, and \$120.00 for the poll clerks. After review, motion to approve the compensation as proposed was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1.) Reports:

Departmental Reports for September 2017. Councilman Cox repeated his request to know how many hours are worked, and when, by volunteer firemen.

2.) City Manager:

- District 10 meeting in Albany on November 9th. Need to RSVP.
- Brick paver installer coming tomorrow.
- Landscaper to be here later in the week.
- A pre-construction meeting was held last week on the Azalea Park Project, and construction had already started.
- Sent out RFP for architect for Police Dept. building.
- Working on reimbursement for hurricane from GEMA and FEMA.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported trash along the street, starting at 4th Ave, NW near Broad St. and along 7th & 8th Streets, NW.
- Councilman Cloud reported that Taylor Waste would not pick up debris under a power line, and asked that this be clarified. Also reported storm debris on 4th St., SW.
- Councilman Gwaltney reported that he had seen an instance of debris picked up and some limbs left in the street.
- Councilman Cox reported that holes had still not been repaired that were caused by City crews during previous debris pickup.
- Councilman Cloud reported that decals had been purchased by the City for City vehicles, and some still did not have them; and it would be corrected.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR