

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 13, 2014

The October 13, 2014 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 Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. 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 MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – September 22, 2014. 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:

Special Event Permit for Auntie Ann’s Pre-School 5K Turkey Trot Fundraiser for Playground Equipment - November 22, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., beginning at Southside School and traveling South on 4th St. to Muggridge Lane, Brookwood Dr., Buchanan, and Lakewood Dr., and ending back at Southside. Councilman Douglas asked if police officers would be needed, and if so, the applicant would need to pay the costs. Councilman Cloud suggested that a letter be written to the applicant notifying them that they would be responsible for any costs incurred. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Douglas, along with the stipulation that any officer cost would be paid by the applicant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and amended, with Councilman Douglas’ approval, to send a letter to the applicant stating those terms. Motion was unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for Pre-Application – To Receive Citizen Input on 2014 CDBG/EIP Application. There were no public comments offered, and the hearing was closed.

Resolution for the Submission of the 2014 CDBG/EIP Application. After review, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Public Hearing - Rezoning Request from CBD (Central Business District) to C-1 neighborhood Commercial District) - 121 2nd Avenue N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 56 - Property Owner - Mr. Chick, Inc. Mr. Justin Brinson was present and informed the Council that they were working to get the used car business started and had received favorable comments from the public, especially with regard to the car rental portion of the business. After his comments, the hearing was closed.

Rezoning Request from CBD (Central Business District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) - 121 2nd Avenue N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 56 - Property Owner - Mr. Chick, Inc. Approval of the rezoning was recommended by both the SWGRC staff and the Cairo Planning Commission. After discussion, motion to approve the rezoning request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Public Hearing - Rezoning Request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) - 201 2nd Avenue N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 57 - Property Owner - Cairo Tire, Inc. The public hearing was held with no public comments offered.

Rezoning Request from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) - 201 2nd Avenue N. E. - Tax Map C20, Parcel 57 - Property Owner - Cairo Tire, Inc. Approval of the rezoning was recommended by both the SWGRC staff and the Cairo Planning Commission. After discussion, motion to approve the rezoning request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Article II entitled “Speed” of Chapter 20, Entitled “Traffic”, of the Code and Ordinances of the City of Cairo, Georgia. City Manager advised that changes made to the ordinance by DOT were necessary to move Broad Street from the “State Highway System” to the “Off-State System”, as a result of the City taking over that street. The ordinance had been introduced at a previous meeting, but some wording had to be clarified in designating the division of North and South Broad. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Plan of Finance for 2004 Utility Bond Refinance. City Manager Addleton advised that the bonds were callable beginning 90 days before January 1, 2015 without any penalty. He had sent information to ten firms, with four having responded: Ameris Bank, Capital City Bank, Merchant Capital LLC, and Stephens Inc. Stephens, Inc. had the lowest rate, with a projected savings of approximately \$750,000 over the 10-year period of refinancing. Councilman Douglas advised that the Finance Committee would meet with a representative of the company on Thursday and bring back a recommendation at the next meeting. Councilman Gilliard asked about the \$900,000 in interest savings projected by Ameris Bank, with City Manager Addleton advising that there had been an error made in that calculation, and that the \$750,000 was an average of the projected savings that had been submitted.

Approval of Change of Name of Alcoholic Beverage Application – Casita Mexican Restaurant – Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Retail Pouring –117 South Broad Street – Ana M. Ulloa, Applicant. The license was previously approved for Jose Carlos Ruiz, but it had been requested to have the license in his wife’s name, Ana M. Ulloa, and to change the name of the restaurant to Casita Mexican Restaurant. After discussion, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

- 1.) **Departmental Reports:** Council reviewed the Police, Fire, Building, and Water Reports, noting that water losses were down to 12% in September.
- 2.) **City Manager’s Report:**
 - Had met with County Administrator Carlos Tobar and Engineer Stacy Watkins regarding the paving of 20th St., learning that it would need full-depth reclamation. Admin. Tobar was to see if there was a grant available.
 - GEFA loan documents (water plant/wells) would be presented at the next meeting.
 - Had contacted CSX regarding crossing repair, but issue had not yet been resolved.

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- Met with Archway UGA students who would be doing two projects related to the landfill - methane recovery and alternatives for the landfill after its closure.
- Property on M. L. King had been purchased at tax sale for \$993.20, with County waiving penalties/costs.
- There was a GMA District 10 meeting scheduled for next Monday in Camilla.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Gwaltney reported that he had received several complaints regarding holes that had been dug out along the street where trash had been picked up.
- Councilman Cloud reported that crossing guards at Washington School and some parents had asked that the caution light between Holder Park and the school be moved closer to the school and more crosswalks added. He also requested that a police officer sit at the school between 7:15 and 7:30 to slow traffic, adding that better signage was needed.
- Councilman Gilliard commented that the two school zone signs had differing times on them.
- Councilman Douglas reported that grass was being left on grave slabs at the cemetery, with City Manager Addleton advising that Director Pat Mitchell had a meeting scheduled with the warden to discuss various issues.
- Councilman Gilliard noted that, at times, the inmates would stand by the road and gawk at passersby.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK