

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 23, 2017

The October 23, 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, 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 Douglas.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES: Regular Meeting – October 9, 2017.** Motion to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**1.) Chamber of Commerce Special Event Request for Christmas Parade, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**2.) First Baptist Church Special Event Request for Fall Festival Street Closure, October 29, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**3.) Martin Luther King Collaborative Special Event Request for MLK Parade, January 15, 2018 at 11:00 am.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.) Introduction of Zoning Ordinance for Re-Zoning property from R1-A (Single Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at the location of 68 Alton Hall Road, NE (Tax Map C39, Parcel 62).** The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

**2.) Introduction of Well-Head Protection Ordinance.** City Manager Addleton advised that this ordinance was part of the revised Corrective Action Plan for the Landfill to prevent water wells from being installed in the protection zone. The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

**3.) Purchase of three 2018 Police Dept. Vehicles.** Bids were received from Fairway Ford in Augusta, Brannen Motors of Unadilla, Hobson Chevrolet of Cairo, and Stallings Motors of Cairo. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the purchase from the low bidder, Stallings Motors, of two Dodge Chargers and one Ram 1500 for a total of \$70,159. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney. Councilman Cox asked how the old vehicles were disposed of, with City Manager Addleton responding that they were sent to an auction.

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Councilman Cox asked to know what the City usually received for the auctioned vehicles. Motion passed unanimously by all Council Members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

**1.) City Manager's Report:**

- An RSVP was needed for the District 10 meeting in Albany.
- Need to return the Mayor's Day registration forms in the next couple of weeks.
- Ga. DOT Audit for a traffic light at Highway 93 South and Highway 111 had been scheduled for Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at City Hall from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It was suggested that some trucking firms might be interested in attending.

**2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Cox asked what could be done about yelping dogs in neighborhoods, and Atty. Lehman was to see what he could find to help. He also asked when 6<sup>th</sup> St., SE would be on the paving plan, with City Manager Addleton responding that it would be next year.
- Councilman Cloud reported a pothole near Three Squares Diner that needed repair, if it was on City property. He also requested removal of signs in the City's landscaped areas on South Broad St.
- Councilman Douglas made a comment in response to something that was said at a recent mayoral forum by one of the candidates, Booker T. Gainor, who had stated that none of the downtown business owners liked the streetscape. He added that if that was true, memos had gone out to all the businesses, and they were given plenty of opportunity to offer ideas; and had more input in the project planning than the Mayor and Council did. He believed that the comment was very unfair to Mrs. Celeste Tyler who had put so much work into the project.

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

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**

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**ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR**