

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 27, 2017

The November 27, 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. along with Council Members James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Elect, Booker Gainor, and Councilman Elect, Demario Byrden, were also present. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and Asst. City Clerk Sandra Roberts. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES: Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the November 13, 2017 regular meeting was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Tom Carmichael of Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, CPA – Financial Audit – Mr. Carmichael was present and gave an overview of the audit for year end June 30, 2017. A draft copy would be available the following week and would be ready for Council approval at the December meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for Syrupmaker Jingle Jog 5K – December 16, 2017, 8:00 -10:00 AM – Cairo High School/Cheryl Simmons, Applicant – The application was withdrawn due to a conflict.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Rezone 890 MLK Jr., Avenue SW from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider 2017 General Election Resolution – Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Sales Tax Refund for Water Plant Project – Motion to execute the agreement was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Installation of Guard Rails on 20th Street – Mr. Jimmy Hammett was present to discuss his opposition to the installation of guard rails on 20th Street. He felt the rails would bring about a larger problem, as individuals would continue to dump but would leave the debris in the roadway. Councilman Douglas stated that the weekends and after work hours were the worse for dumping and the issue was that the debris was not staying off the right of way. Mr. Hammett explained that he would continue to clean the ground and remove small items and also planned to get a crane with a magnet in order to be able to stack the metal that is currently on his property. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to table the matter until February or March of 2018. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Consider Application for Alcoholic Beverage Due to Change in Ownership – Beer & Wine Retail Package – Shradha Enterprises, LLC dba Quick Buys #1 – 208 South Broad Street – Dixitkumar B. Patel, Applicant – Motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

Financial Report for the month of July – Motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members

City Manager: 1.) Mistletoe Market will be December 2nd from 9-3. 2.) Annual Christmas Luncheon will be at noon on December 15th at the Grady Cultural Center. 3.) Discussed a safety issue on 2nd Street SW and the possibility of making it a one-way street. A hearing is to be held for feedback and Attorney Lehman will draft an ordinance. 4.) Bid opening on Tuesday for WWTP Belt Press 5.) 10th Avenue storm water and street resurfacing project bid opening is on December 6th 6.) Cairo Christmas Parade will be December 7th with use of the CNS float 7.) Architectural Services for the new Police Department were discussed. Evaluations were done, with Buckley & Associates being the top choice. They were to be contacted and asked to send a proposed contract and attend the December 11th council meeting.

Reports from Mayor and Council: Councilman Thornton commented on the danger of the curve on Smart and 4th and also mentioned a hole in the asphalt between 2nd and 3rd St on 4th Avenue NW. Councilman Cox commented on the Azalea Park progress and that the construction was moving along nicely. Councilman Cloud asked that the city continue filling in holes with dirt and mentioned one in particular on 9th Street NE near Three Squares and Five Star Credit Union. He also made a motion to solicit bids and use SPLOST funds for the Grant Ave. SW project. City Manager Addleton commented that a project would have to be taken off the SPLOST list if that were to be done. He was asked to bring possible funding options to the December 11th meeting. Councilman Douglas also asked that holes along the rights of way continue to be packed as they continue to be dug out. Mayor Burns talked about the North Broad Street beautification project and expressed his desire to see it remain 4 lanes. He would also like to see every second or third parking space used for planters. He commented that it would be nice to have the old bricks under the asphalt preserved to merge the “new” and “old” between North and South Broad. He also mentioned the possibility of a Trout Lily Festival that could be sponsored by the Chamber.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Councilman Cloud made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

SANDRA L. ROBERTS
ASST. CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR.
MAYOR