

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - OCTOBER 26, 2015

The October 26, 2015 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 Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. City Manager Chris Addleton was not present due to being out of town. Staff Members in attendance were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Jerry L. Cox, unopposed candidate for Councilman in District 5 in the 2015 General Election, was also present to observe the meeting. Cairo Messenger Reporter, Mesha Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gilliard.

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 Council Meeting – October 12, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Nancy Clark: Grady General Hospital Authority Request. Ms. Clark, along with other Hospital Authority Board Members, was present to request assistance from the City with a landscaping project on the hospital grounds. They asked for employee labor assistance for two to three days to plant new landscaping which would require only hand tools and small equipment. They would coordinate with the City crew, if approved, and hoped to do the project in November. When asked what the County would be providing, Ms. Clark responded that they were furnishing all the granite chips which would be installed around the landscaping in order to eliminate any insects near the building. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to furnish City employee labor as requested for two to three days to plant landscaping (plants/shrubs) at the hospital, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. First Baptist Church: Special Event Permit for Fall Festival - Request to Close 5th and 6th Ave., NW from Broad Street to 1st St., NW on Wednesday, November 8, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2. Special Event Permit for Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce: Antique Car Parade - Street Dance and Car Rally on May 13-14, 2016 – Parade to travel down Broad St. on Friday night, the 13th, from United National Bank to First Methodist Church, and Rally to be held at Davis Park on the 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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Public Hearing - Conditional Use Request for a Church within C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at 242 5th Street, N. E. - Tax Map C27, Parcel 18 –Abundant Life Binders and Believers Church – Felisha Pearson, Applicant – Freddie Lyle, Owner. The hearing was held with Ms. Felisha Pearson speaking on behalf of the Church.

Conditional Use Request for a Church within C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at 242 5th Street, N. E. - Tax Map C27, Parcel 18 – Abundant Life Binders and Believers Church – Felisha Pearson, Applicant –Freddie Lyle, Owner. After review, motion to approve the conditional use was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Preliminary Plat Review (Major Subdivision) – Eastside Subdivision – Chad Johnson, Developer - Tax Map & Parcels 67-83.5, 67-83.6 & 67-83.7 – located on 20th Street NE. Mr. Johnson was present and informed the Council that the property had originally been four parcels, but had not been sold due to the size. Since he has received requests for smaller tracts, he had divided the parcels into 1-acre lots and believed he would have better success with selling them. After review, motion to approve the preliminary plat as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Airport Crack Sealing and Re-Marking Project. Bids had been received for the project as follows: **1.)** Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC - \$73,185.50, **2.)** J. J. Cunningham, LLC - \$74,096.60, and **3.)** Peek Pavement Marking, LLC - \$64,362.25. After reviewing the bids, Croy Engineering had recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. After review, motion to award the bid to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC in the amount of \$64,362.25 was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Attorney Lehman had reviewed the contract, so motion to approve the contract was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports from Mayor & Council:

1. Councilman Cloud asked that mowing crews blow grass off graves at the cemeteries as soon as the grass is cut.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

