

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MARCH 22, 2021**

The March 22, 2021 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Howard Thrower, III. Present were Jerry Cox, Sr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Demario Byrden was absent. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addeleon, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Marketing Director Alyssa Blakely. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members present.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Consider Special Event Permit – “Sole” Searching at Davis Park on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Inspire and Reach INC./Ja-Courtney Jenkins - Applicant.** Motion to approve Special Event Permit was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consider Resolution to Modify Designated Area Subject to Downtown Development Authority Jurisdiction.** Motion to approve Resolution to Modify Downtown Development Authority Jurisdiction was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members present.

**Consider Resolution and Adoption Agreement for Georgia Municipal Association 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan.** Mayor Thrower stated that this was simply a reworking to keep up with the IRS guidelines on defined contribution plans. Motion to approve Resolution for Georgia Municipal Association 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

**Consider LAS Timber Bids.** City Manager stated that this was the last big acreage of mature timber to cut at the LAS, which was about 78 acres. Canfor which is Canadian Forest was the high bidder at \$195,035, which was a very good bid. Councilman Gwaltney asked if this would be pole timber that would be cut. City Manager Addeleon responded yes it would be. Councilman Douglas asked if the proceeds would be going in to the bonds that are owed. City Manager Addeleon stated that after we take out funds to replant the remaining funds will go toward 2004 combined utility funds to pay off the LAS debt. Motion to approve the bid for timber sale of \$195,035 to Canfor was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

**Consider Financial Audit.** City Manager Addeleon stated that the audit had been received, but he wanted to give the Finance Committee time to look over it first. He then wanted to have a called meeting with the committee and also give the authority to the committee to submit it to the state on behalf of the City. Motion to approve the Finance Committee to approve the Audit upon receiving and reviewing it was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present.

**Consider 2021 Application for Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License – PMJ Food Mart, 1250 U.S. Hwy 84, Monika J. Patel – Applicant.** Motion to approve Renewal of Alcohol Beverage License was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Reports from City Manager:**

- Last week we had two pre-construction meetings. One was for Southern Terrace Park, notice to proceed was for March 29<sup>th</sup> and completion on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The second meeting was for our water main project that will start on April 12<sup>th</sup> and complete on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Councilman Thornton stated that he would like for the Police department to ticket more for littering due to the debris and litter that is all over the city streets.

**ADJOURN:** At 6:10 pm motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members present.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

**HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR**

**DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK**