

WORKSHOP MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 10, 2021

The May 10, 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting was held immediately following the regular meeting in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Howard Thrower, III, Council Members Jerry L. Cox, Demario J. Byrden, James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton present. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Dana W. Barfield. Also in attendance was Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind.

City Manager Addleton presented the FY 2021-2022 Budget Assumptions which included no increase in Ad Valorem Taxes, a Retirement Contribution decrease of .28% (\$1,718), an increase in GIRMA Property and Liability Insurance of 5.2% (\$16,712), a decrease in Worker's Comp Insurance of 23.2% (\$49,290), an increase in the Fixed Cost of Health Insurance by 4.6% (\$63,298), and General Wage Improvement of 3.0% with compa ratio evaluation.

City Manager Addleton explained how COVID-19 had impacted the budget from last year to this year. He then went on to show where we are today, stating that the increases that were shown were due to people shopping locally and online more due to not being able to get out because of COVID-19. For Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Revenue Reduction - April 2019 – March 2020 we averaged \$86,253 per month, April 2020 – March 2021 we averaged \$93,036 per month (7.9% Increase). Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Revenue Reduction – April 2019 – March 2020 we averaged \$86,159 per month, April 2020 – March 2021 we averaged \$93,786 per month (8.8% Increase). Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Reduction – April 2019 – March 2020 we averaged \$4,583 per month, April 2020 – March 2021 we averaged \$3,390 per month (8.8% decrease). Utility Revenues have exposure due to potential slow industrial/commercial startup and residential job layoffs. Our Electric KWH usage was down 5% from March 2020 – December 2020 Year over Year, April it was down 12.3% YOY, May it was down 18.2% YOY, and June it was down 5.0% YOY. Capital Improvement Projects timing may be impacted by at least 6 months.

City Manager Addleton explained the Year Over Year Revenue Comparison and explained each entity with its increase or decrease.

The Comparison of Revenues to Expenses for 2022 showed a negative balance (\$9,010). A negative fund balance (\$580,315) in Water and Sewer was due to the 2004 Combined Utility Bonds. We have a negative balance in the Gas Fund (\$24,539) and Airport (\$9,230), but we are about to break even.

FY 2021 Capital Outlay: Community Services- Metal Storage Bldg. (carryover) (\$25,000); Southern Terrace – Georgia DNR Grant (\$140,000); SPLOST 2020 – Police – 2 Admin Vehicles (\$70,000), Police – Equipment 2 Patrol Car Cameras and Finger Print Stations (\$20,000), Fire – Truck (\$29,000), Code Enforcements – Truck (\$29,000), Southern Terrace Park Improvements (\$300,000), RR Depot Renovations (\$300,00), Community Service – Backhoe and Mowing Tractor (\$150,00), Public Works – Mini Excavator and Backhoe (\$150,000), TSPLOST - S Broad Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk (\$1,250,000), Airport Above Ground Fuel Facility Match (\$17,500), Electric-Distribution - Digger Derrick Truck and Chassis – Replacement of 1997 (\$331,000), Electric – Admin.- Replace 2008 truck #49 (\$25,000), Gas – Replace 1997 Ford F-250 Truck #34 (\$45,000), PW-Water Distribution- Water Main Loops (GEFA) (\$1,500,000), PW-CDBG Match (35,000), PW-Sewer Collections – Sewer Main Rehab – S. Broad to WWTP (GEFA) (\$800,000), PW-Sewer Main Rehab – Little Tired Creek to 20th St NE (ARP Act) (\$500,000), PW – Sewer Camera and Trailer (ARP Act) (\$110,000), PW-WWTP- SCADA (ARP Act) (\$50,000), PW-WWTP Grit Chamber (\$750,000), PW-ADMIN – Public Works Building (\$500,000), Landfill- Purchase Landfill property (Closure/Post Closure Funds) (\$100,000).

Other Agency Funding are Roddenbery Memorial Library (\$237,500), Joint Development Authority (\$41,000), Holder Park Pool (\$60,000), Holder Park YC/B & G Club (\$6,000), DOWNTOWN Façade Grant ((\$15,000), Downtown Development Authority (\$15,000), Main street (\$40,000) and Archway (\$10,000).

ATTEST:

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

HOWARD THOWER, III, MAYOR