

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 11, 2021

The January 11, 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. Councilmen Demario Byrden was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Manager Chris Addeleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Marketing Director Alyssa Blakely. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind.

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

**Council Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for 2021.** Motion to appoint Councilman James H. Douglas as Mayor Pro Tem was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes with a correction to a Special Event Permit for Erica Hunter was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members.

### DELEGATIONS:

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Consider Special Event Permit –Community Outreach at Davis Park on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mission Vision & Fresh Start Ministries/Silvia Salgado – Applicant.** Ms. Salgado addressed the council by stating that she had decided to postpone the event until further notice since COVID-19 had been so active in the recent weeks.

**Consider Special Event Permit –Community Outreach at Davis Park on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, James E. Miller/Pamela Howard/Silvia Salgado– Applicant.** Ms. Salgado explained to the Mayor and Council that they would be giving away free food, clothing, hygiene products, face masks, and other resources for the community. They also would allow vendors to set up to promote their businesses and sell items to the public. Children that will be there will also be able to win prizes through an Easter egg hunt that will be hosted if possible depending on the COVID-19 numbers at that time. Mayor Thrower explained that the vendors selling items in the park goes against park policy. Mayor Thrower went on to say that there were other venues that could be used to do such a thing other than the city parks. Councilman Douglas stated that he did not understand from the previous applications that there was going to be anything sold. Councilman Cox asked if Ms. Salgado had spoken with any city official that handles this type of thing. Marketing Director Blakely stated that she had spoken with Ms. Howard about the event that was held in December and knew about the food vendor and giveaways she was doing but did not know about the vendors that were selling items. The Council asked that the application be resubmitted without the vendors selling items for profit, but would still reserve the date for the event.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Considered Resolution to Reappoint Chris Addeleton to Serve on the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority Board for a Four Year Term Ending January 15, 2025.** Motion to approve reappointment was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members presents.

**Considered Art Loan Agreement Between Thomasville Center for the Arts (TCA) and the City of Cairo/DDA.** Motion to approve Art Loan Agreement was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved by all Council Members present.

### REPORTS:

1. Considered Financial Reports for the Month of July, August, and September:
  - The Finance Committee decided to postpone and approve at the end of July due to change over to the new Tyler Financial Software so that reports will be more presentable.
2. Considered Departmental Reports for the Month of December:

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- No Comments
- 3. Reports From City Manager:**
  - The water main projects on Hwy 188, Hwy 84 and Southern Terrace we had to move the bid opening by two weeks. We have prebids meeting on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> I expect to have it on the agenda for the first meeting in February.
  - This week we will begin advertising for cemetery maintenance. We will open those bids on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and plan to have those on the agenda for February 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - We have an above the ground fuel storage tank project at the airport, bid opening will be January 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - The new Street Sweeper came in and they have started putting it to good use.
  - GMA Virtual Conference is available Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and the Council Members that are able to attend we can get signed up.

**4. Reports from Mayor and Council.**

- Mayor Thrower stated that he just wanted to say that he saw the new street sweeper and it was really nice and was doing a great job.
- Councilman Cox pleaded with our community to please wear their mask and practice social distance. Councilman Cox stated that we have lost a lot of good people in our community and asked people to do what they need to be doing to stay safe.
- Mayor Thrower went on to say he had spoken with Michelle Thornton from our Health Department and is asking that all high risk or if you are taking care of someone or living with someone high risk that you need to be vaccinated. He also asked each Councilmember to be an example and to encourage our community to be safe and get the vaccine that is out there.

**ADJOURN:** At 6:34 pm motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

**HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR**

**DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK**