

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 25, 2021

The January 25, 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., Demario Byrden, James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney and Lannis Thornton. City Manager Addleton was absent from the meeting. Staff Members present were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Dana Barfield, and Police Chief Giovannie Santos. Also in attendance were Cairo Messenger Staff Writer, Mesha Wind.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

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 minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Considered November 2, 2021 General Election –Setting and Publishing of Qualifying Fees. Motion to approve Qualifying fees was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved by all Council Members presents.

Considered Purchase of Police Vehicles. Councilman Cox asked if we were always obligated to purchase Dodge products because of the transferring of equipment. Chief Santos responded that with limited funds this year, it would cost more due to the fact that the lights and cages are not transferable. Motion to approve the purchase of three 2021 Dodge Chargers at \$26,445 per vehicle was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Byrden, and approved by all Council Members present.

REPORTS:

1. **Reports From City Manager:** None
2. **Reports from Mayor and Council.**
 - Councilman Douglas asked that Police Officers keep an eye on individuals that are parking in the no parking area of the Post Office.
 - Councilman Douglas also thought that it needed to be noted that there was a group of people at Holder Park over the weekend that did not have approval to be there. Chief Santos was present and stated that he received a call around 7:30 pm concerning the crowd that had formed on M. L. K. Avenue SW and 4th Avenue SW. He stated that he came in along with the officers on duty and was able to disperse the crowd by 9:00 pm. Chief Santos went on to say there was about three hundred individuals present and mostly all seemed to have come from Florida.
 - Mayor Thrower informed the Council that he was invited to become a part of a strategic planning leadership team with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission.
 - Councilman Douglas wanted to inform the Mayor and Council that the GMA Conference in Savannah will change from June to August 6th thru August 10th.

ADJOURN: At 6:14 pm motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

HOWARD THROWER, III, MAYOR

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK