

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

The September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Booker T Gainor, IV presiding. Present were Councilmen Jimmy Douglas, Jerry Cox, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilmen Demario Byrden and Lannis Thornton were unable to attend. Staff Members in attendance were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Manager Julian Brown, and City Clerk Dana W. Barfield. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by City Manager Brown.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda, in addition to an addendum, was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 12, 2022. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Consider Special Event Permit – Vendor Event/Fall Festival on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Requesting Use of Holder Park Empty Lot on the East Side of Parkers Mill Creek and Requesting that 4th Street SW be Blocked off From Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue to New Corinth Church, Ashley Wooten/Together We Stand Divided We Fall – Applicants. Danitra Durden of 105 Joyner Rd, Apt F605 stated they would have food vendors, jump houses, and more for the kids and community. They want to be able to give local businesses a chance to come out and be seen and recognized. Motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas and passed by all Council members present.

Consider Special Event Permit – Fall Festival on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Requesting Street Closures on Portions of 10th Avenue NW and 1st Street NW Adjacent to Northside Elementary School, Amanda Redden/Northside Elementary – Applicant. Amanda Redden of 1122 Benhill Avenue SE, stated they would be having a fall festival for the kids, parents, and community to come out and enjoy. They were asking to block off a section of 10th Avenue NW and 1st Street NW. Motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING: To Inform Citizens of the Completion of CDBG Project 19p-x-065-2-6115 for Southwest Cairo Water System Improvements, Availability of the Final Quarterly Report, Review Project Accomplishments, and Receive Citizens' Comments. With there being no public input the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Rezone Request from R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to R-PUD (Residential Planned Unit Development District), Located on Highway 93 South; Identified on County Tax Map 69, Parcels 6 and 8. Owner Pritchard Place, LLC. Cancelled due to Cairo Planning Commission Postponing the Rezone.

PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Use Request for a Home Occupation, Within An R-1 (Single-Family Residential District), at the Location of 880 9th Street NW; Identified on County Tax Map C8, Parcel 69. Home Occupation, Section 22-93 (f) Home Occupations as Limited and Defined in Section 22-5. Applicants: Stacy Murry and Albert Murry, Jr. Owner Mary Jane Thornton Murry. Mrs. Nicole Murry, wife to Stacy Murray, informed the council they would only have a home office at this location. She stated they would be offering non-medical services for patients in their own homes. And there would be no traffic coming to and from the mentioned home of 880 9th Street NW.

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Considered Request to Make 1st Street SE a One-Way Street. City Manager Brown explained that Mrs. Karen Prince came before the Council on August 22nd to request that 1st Street SE be made a one way street. Mary Ferrell of 310 Horseshoe Bend SE, stated that she agreed that it was a traffic hazard. She was on her way to an appointment and was delayed due to an accident at this location. City Manager Brown asked Attorney Lehman how

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much of this property would be on the CSX right of way. Attorney Lehman stated that this area was the CSX right of way and that a portion of the building Mr. Prince occupies is also on the CSX right of way and before we do any type of change we need to consult with CSX. Councilman Gwaltney asked what if we eliminated the parking and Attorney Lehman stated he still felt that CSX needed to be consulted before anything was done. This item was tabled until more information could be gathered and contact could be made with CSX.

Considered Setting a Final 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate. Motion to approve the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate at 7.721 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed by all Council Members present.

Considered Introduction of Ordinance to Levy and Authorize the Collection of a General Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2022. Ordinance was introduced.

Considered Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. City Manager Brown stated that we received three bids for a Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project on September 20th. The project plans are for pipe bursting of a 10-inch sewer main that runs from the end of 8th Avenue NE, under 20th Street NE, around Livestock Pavilion Road, and along the creek. There is also an area of S. Broad Street, 13th Avenue SW, and Pine Circle SW that will be upgraded. We budgeted \$2,000,000 for this project and plan to fund the project with GEFA and ARPA funds. He went on to say that he recommended the council award the contract to Southeast Pipe Survey in the amount of \$2,106,967.40. Motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project and award the bid to Southeast Pipe Survey in the amount of \$2,106,967.40 was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cox and passed by all Council Members present.

REPORTS:

CONSIDERED FINANCE REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2022:

- ❖ Motion to approve all Financial Reports presented was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed by all Council Members present.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

- ❖ CDBG Grant for \$1 Million was approved for the SW Side of Town Sewer Rehab
- ❖ Phase 8 of the Street Resurfacing Project Bid Opening Will be Oct. 4 at 11:00 am
- ❖ Farmers Market Will be this Saturday, Weather Permitting.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

- ❖ Councilman Gwaltney asked how the project was going on S. Broad Street, City Manager Brown responded that it was going well and that repaving would start soon.
- ❖ Mayor Gainor asked that everyone please stay safe with the upcoming storm and be considerate of your neighbor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

To Discuss or Vote to Authorize negotiations to Purchase, dispose of or Lease Property, or to Enter into a Contract to Purchase, Dispose of or Lease Property Subject to Approval in a Subsequent Public Vote; (O.C.G.A. .§ 50-14-3 (b)(1)).

No action was taken during the executive session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made at 6:54 pm by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Douglas to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

BOOKER T. GAINOR IV, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DANA W. BARFIELD, CITY CLERK