

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - JANUARY 9, 2012

The January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance. Also present was Archway Professional Sharon Liggett who was introduced by Mayor VanLandingham during the meeting.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

Swearing in of Council Members Lannis Thornton (District One), Robert L. Gwaltney (District Three), and Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. (District Five). Attorney Lehman conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the three Council Members whose terms will expire December 31, 2015.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PROTEM FOR 2012. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to appoint Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – December 12, 2011. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Grady County 4-H Modified Shotgun Team Request. In a letter from Mr. Deron Rehberg, a request was made to use the range site adjacent to the Police Department's firing range again this year. They would begin on February 2nd and run through mid-May. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Vehicle Purchase Request for Police Department. Mayor VanLandingham advised that the item would be postponed until the next meeting in order to obtain some additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Approval of the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2011. The Finance Committee had previously reviewed the report and authorized its submittal to the State by the December 31st deadline. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

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REPORTS:

Finance Report for the Month of September 2011. Councilman Douglas advised that the report had been reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting, and he made motion to approve the report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Fire Department Report for the Month of December 2011.

City Manager Addleton's Report:

1. Reported on a low water pressure incident that had occurred the previous weekend due to a problem with the SCADA system's set point range on the ground water storage tank. The set point value was set at zero causing the pumps not to come on when the water level reached a low point. Alarms had gone off as programmed, but the system did not communicate with the telephones. MR Systems had reset the system to the proper set point; and a test was to be performed each day, along with research to try to determine what had happened to the system and how to avoid problems in the future.

2. Notification had been received from DOT confirming that bids would be obtained in March for paving of 11th Ave., NW and MacIvor Drive., NE. City Manager Addleton read a thank-you note from a resident on Horseshoe Bend, SE expressing appreciation for the recent re-paving that had been done.

3. Meeting scheduled with Scruggs Construction on upcoming Friday to obtain a status report on the 20th Street Project.

4. The City would participate again in the 2012 Mayor's Essay Contest.

5. The fire truck would be ready for the M. L. King Parade on January 16th.

6. The Bank of America Building renovation project was going well, and a meeting was scheduled with the State Department of Labor on the 24th. Councilman Cloud requested that the workers at the site be asked to not block the driveway.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

Councilman Thornton reported that a van and equipment trailer was still being parked on the right-of-way at 704 6th Ave., NW causing a blind spot for traffic.

Councilman Gilliard requested that Communications Director Celetste Tyler present an update on the Downtown Development and Clean and Beautiful programs at the next meeting. City Manager Addleton added that he would also like for Building Official Hayes to report on the Nuisance Abatement project.

Councilman Cloud requested that trash be removed from the roadway on Highway 111 from the city limits to 7th St., SW. He also inquired as to how many inmates are being provided, noting that only five were present that day. He requested that a timer be installed on the lights at Holder Park ball field to automatically turn off at 11:00 p.m.

Councilman Douglas reminded Council that the MEAG dinner held during Mayor's Day required an R.S.V.P.

Mayor VanLandingham thanked the Council for their donation and attendance at the Teresa Edwards Celebration held the previous Saturday.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**