

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 12, 2015

The January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Karen Murphy, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2015. Councilman Gwaltney was next on the mayor pro tem rotation list but waived his turn for 2015. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to appoint Councilman Gilliard as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – December 8, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

MLK Parade Permit – MLK Collaborative – Mr. Douglas Addison, Jr. was present regarding the parade to be held on January 19, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Council asked about a rain-out date if needed, and Mr. Addison agreed that it would be January 24th.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Southside School – Lateesha Clinton Memorial 5K Run on February 7, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. – Janet Walden, Applicant. (Councilman Gilliard left the dais and abstained from discussion and voting on this item due to his affiliation with the Grady County School Board). After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by Council Members.

2. Eastside Elementary Alpha Class Fundraiser – Frozen 5K/1 Mile Fun Run on January 17, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. – Katherine Chapman, Contact. (Councilman Gilliard left the dais and abstained from discussion and voting on this item due to his affiliation with the Grady County School Board). After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Lease Agreement between the City of Cairo and Ronald A. Hall for rental of 35.5 acres located near the Airport at \$45.00 per acre (\$1,597.50). After review, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Request from Grady County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Mr. Deron Rehberg had requested to use the LAS site for the Modified Trap Shotgun Range as in past years, with the addition of a 3-D range for use by the Senior Archery Team in the planted pines behind the Modified Trap Range. They would practice on Sunday afternoons from January through May and would provide insurance and liability waivers. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Airport Apron Drainage Project. City Manager Addleton reported that two bids were received and opened on December 17th: **1.)** HTC Construction - \$228,447.16 and **2.)** Oxford Construction - \$280,411.00, both significantly above Croy Engineering's preliminary cost estimate. It was recommended that both bids be rejected and re-advertise at a later date. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to reject the bids, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Set and Publish Qualifying Fees for the November 3, 2015 General Election – Districts 1, 3, and 5. After review, motion to set and publish the fees (\$219.60) was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Re-appointment of Mayor Burns to another term on the South Georgia Governmental Services (SGGSA) Board for 2015. Motion to appoint Mayor Burns was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Cancellation or Rescheduling of January 26, 2015 Council Meeting due to GMA Mayor's Conference. After discussion, motion to cancel the meeting was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS - Agenda Addendum:

CNS Cable TV Rate Increase. City Manager Addleton presented a 2015 rate schedule proposed to go into effect 30 days after written notification to customers. Cable programming costs had continued to increase on an annual basis; and in addition, local channel subscriber fees had gone up substantially with the negotiation of another three-year agreement. He added that the new schedule would not increase profits, but just recoup costs. After discussion, motion to approve the new rate schedule was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

REPORTS:

1. Departmental Reports. Council reviewed the Police, Fire, Building/Code Enforcement, Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer Reports.

2. Finance Report for November 2014. After comments and discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3. City Manager Addleton's Report. a.) He reported that he had sent letters to legislators requesting a traffic signal for the 4th Ave. and 5th St., SE intersection, receiving a response that they would request DOT to do another traffic study. b.) He asked for an RSVP response for attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting. c.) Reminded Council of the MEAG function on Sunday at the Mayor's

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Conference in Atlanta. **d.)** Reported on Development Authority training to be held at the Foundry. **e.)** Advised that the Quint fire truck would be used in the MLK parade.

4. Reports from Mayor & Council. **a.)** Councilman Cloud asked that drainage from the cemetery on 4th St., SE be addressed and the ditches cleaned out. **b.)** He also asked that City employees not park in front of City Hall but to park in the back instead. **c.)** He requested that, during budget preparation, a review of the shift structure, salaries, and compensation for the Police and Fire Departments be completed. **d.)** He requested that a problem with water running under the carport at 405 7th St., SW be addressed.

Mayor Burns stated that he was impressed with the job done by City employees to get the power back on during the holidays and wanted to commend all those who helped.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: During the regular meeting on January 12, 2015 at 6:35 p.m., Councilman Cloud made motion to enter into Executive Session. (To discuss the hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Present for the session were Mayor Burns; Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; City Attorney Lehman; and City Clerk Lee.

Motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Councilman Douglas to go out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

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