

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - JANUARY 14, 2013

The January 14, 2013 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 James H. Douglas, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, Public Works Director Raymond Stokes, and Energy Services Director Rod Prince. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2013. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to appoint Councilman Cloud as Mayor Pro Tem for 2013, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.) Regular Council Meeting - December 10, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) Special Called Meeting - December 17, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Eastside Elementary School Request to Have a 5K Run/Walk/Stroll/Fun Run to raise proceeds for Mr. Alan Journey's Medical Expenses, to be held on February 23, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., beginning at Eastside School and traveling along 20th St., Oak Drive, and Baytree Road. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Request for a Tattoo Parlor under Sec. 22-218- (k) of the Zoning Ordinance - Tax Map C-21, Parcel 15 in C-2 Zone (Highway Commercial District) – 25 11th Avenue NE - Jack R. Ingram, Jr., Applicant - Mills Rental LLC, Property Owner. There were no public comments made, and the hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Request for a Tattoo Parlor under Sec. 22-218 (k) of the Zoning Ordinance - Tax Map C-21, Parcel 15 in C-2 Zone (Highway Commercial District) - 25 11th Avenue NE - Jack R. Ingram, Jr., Applicant - Mills Rental LLC, Property Owner. Both the SWGRC staff and the Cairo Planning Commission recommended approval of the use. Councilman Cloud referred to the Planning Commission minutes in which the applicant stated that he was trying to work something out with the hospital for proper disposal of needles. He noted that a Sharps container could be used and picked up regularly by that company. Mr. Jack Ingram, the applicant, was present and stated that he had already arranged for the service. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the

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conditional use request, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - Change of Ownership –Wilbert Lee Williams, Applicant – Cairo Piggly Wiggly – 1150 U. S. 84 West – Retail Beer and Wine, Package Only. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Audit Report FY 2012. A draft of the audit was presented earlier at the workshop meeting, and approval will be considered upon receipt of the final copy.

Proposed Electric Rate Schedules. Proposed rates were presented earlier at the workshop meeting. Some additional information was requested by Council, so the rate schedules will be considered after receipt of that information.

2013 Municipal Competitive Trust (MCT) Voluntary Deposits. City Manager Addleton reported that the City was to receive \$1,640,431 in Municipal Trust credits for 2013. In 2012, 50% of the credits were used to offset cost increases in the MEAG bill, and the remaining 50% was deposited into the Short Term Flexible Operating Account. Council discussed options for depositing all, or a specified percentage, into the MCT Fund Accounts. They discussed with MEAG Representative, John Giles, the differences in the various accounts, including the new Intermediate Fund Account Portfolios. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to place the credits into the Flexible Operating Account – Short Term Portfolio, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Motion was also made by Councilman Douglas to apply the Off-System Sales (OSS) (approximately \$7,500 per month) to the monthly bill. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Cancellation or Rescheduling of Regular Council Meeting - January 28, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. (Due to GMA Mayors' Day Conference). After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to reschedule the meeting to January 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

a.) Water Loss Update - Public Works Director, Raymond Stokes. Director Stokes presented information on the progress that had been made to reduce water loss. In previous years the water loss was between 25% and 30%; but during the past few months, the average loss was down to 9.31%. He noted that the lower percentage was a result of replacing water meters, repairing water mains and leaking meters, and raising valves. He added that 430 requests for locating underground utilities had also been received during the past six months, and believed that an additional person was needed to perform locates. He noted that it was difficult to account for water used by the fire department, as well as some other City uses, but believed that a loss of 10% could be maintained in the future. He was commended by the Council for the lower percentage of loss and credited the employees in his department for the success. City Manager Addleton also commented on the progress that had been made on identifying and correcting inflow and infiltration (I&I) of storm water into the wastewater treatment system. Per the agreement with the EPD in 2011, the City was to inspect and repair 25% of the sewer infrastructure per year for four years. During the first year, the City had repaired 95 of the 96 problems found. A smoke testing unit had been purchased and had been highly effective in identifying sources of

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I&I. He added that the City was ahead of schedule on the project. With regard to water loss, Councilman Cloud requested that Mr. Stokes check on repair of a fire hydrant behind the Courthouse.

b.) City Manager Addleton's Report:

- Updated Council on the Grady County/City of Cairo FY 2011 CHIP Project. Six houses were approved for the grant, with three in the City, and three outside the City. Two of the three in the City had already been completed.
- Received Hazardous Waste Fund reimbursement in the amount of \$44,360.
- Attended a GMA Hometown Connections meeting the previous Thursday in Thomasville.
- Reminded Council of the MEAG dinner at the Mayor's Day conference in Atlanta.
- Reminded Council of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on Jan. 28th at 6:30 p.m.
- SGGSA to hold a meeting of all the Councils on Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Moultrie.
- As a result of the "letter to the editor" in last week's Cairo Messenger regarding the Davis Park restroom not being open, he reported that there was some miscommunication. In the future, anyone who rents the Pavilion will also get a key to the restroom. He also reported that graffiti had been painted on the building over the past weekend.

c.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Gwaltney inquired about the pipe work being done near the hospital. He was informed that South Ga. Natural Gas had to relocate their gas main as a result of the Joyner Road Project.
- He also asked about the utility pole inspection going on in his area and learned from Director Prince that the pole inspection was in the second phase of a three-phase process.
- Councilman Douglas brought up campaign signs being placed on rights-of-way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:45 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Thornton to enter into Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate and pending or potential litigation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Present in the session were Mayor VanLandingham, Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton, Attorney Lehman, City Manager Addleton, and City Clerk Lee.

At 7:15 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

There was action taken in the session regarding real estate and recorded in the Executive Session minutes to be released at a later date.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR