

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - JANUARY 24, 2013

The January 24, 2013 Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney did not attend the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, and Energy Services Director Rod Prince. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

### INVOCATION:

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**1.) Regular Council Meeting - January 14, 2013.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**2.) Workshop Meeting - January 14, 2013.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

### DELEGATIONS:

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

**November 5, 2013 General Election - Fixing and Publishing of Qualification Fees - Mayor and Districts Number Two and Four Council Members.** After review, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to set and publish qualifying fees for the General Election, seconded by Councilman Thornton and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

**Final Approval of Audit Report FY 2012.** Councilman Douglas commented that the increase in capital outlay was accomplished with no money being borrowed except for the Bank of America (Labor Department) property. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to accept the audit report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) Intergovernmental Participant Resolution and Contract.** Mayor VanLandingham responded to a question regarding some changes that had been made in the contract. He stated that, after a meeting with members, changes were made to make it more open. City Manager Addleton added that he thought that they were also looking for a longer-term agreement. Council Members discussed contract terms and limits, as well as membership fees. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the resolution and contract, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**FY 2013 Phase 2 Street Resurfacing (W&A Project No. W0301-048-01) – Notice of Award of Bid – Contract Agreement.** City Manager Addleton reported that three bids had been received as follows: 1.) Scruggs Co. - \$696,128.66, 2.) Oxford Construction Co. - \$818,868.15, and 3.) Peavy & Son Construction - \$1,026,745.00. Engineer Watkins & Associates recommended

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awarding the bid to the low bidder, Scruggs Company. Councilman Douglas commented that the company that had done previous street resurfacing needed to do a better job on the rights of way and the striping. Attorney Lehman had reviewed the contract and advised that it was a routine agreement. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to award the bid to Scruggs Co. and approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Teresa Edwards Street, 4th Ave., SW and 2nd Ave., SW – Street & Drainage System Improvements - CDBG - \$500,000 - Award of Bid and Contract - (W&A Project No. W0301-031-01).** City Manager Addleton reported that six bids were received as follows: 1.) Griffin-Folsom Construction - \$398,250.50; 2.) Oxford Construction - \$457,244.25; 3.) The Scruggs Co. - \$462,186.03; 4.) HTS Construction - \$477,379.93; 5.) Doyle Hancock & Sons - \$505,612.03; and 6.) Peavy & Son Construction - \$654,499.94. Due to some problems with the low bidder's required documentation submittal, Engineer Watkins & Associates recommended awarding the bid to the second lowest contractor, Oxford Construction in the amount of \$457,244.25. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to award the bid to Oxford Construction and approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**SR 93 South Natural Gas Main Relocation (W&A Project No. W0301-047-01) Award of Bid and Contract.** City Manager Addleton reported that two bids were received as follows: 1.) RAW Construction - \$43,743.25, and 2.) TB Landmark Construction - \$60,265.50. The project was necessary due to the DOT widening project; and because it was gas, could not be bid through the State. Engineer Watkins & Associates recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, RAW Construction. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the bid to RAW Construction and approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**Five-Year Master Agreement for Professional Engineering Consultant Services between the City of Cairo and Croy Engineering and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Cairo-Grady County Airport for Fiscal Years 2014-2018.** (Funding: 90% Federal FAA, 5% State DOT, and 5% City). City Manager Addleton stated that he was pleased with Croy Engineering and asked for approval of the contract and the 5-Year Plan. Councilman Gilliard asked if the land acquisition in the plan included the Harrison property, with City Manager Addleton responding that it did not. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the Engineering Contract and 5-Year CIP Plan, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

**GMA Statewide Essay Contest: “If I Were Mayor”.** Mayor VanLandingham reported that he had previously visited the sixth graders at Washington School to talk about the duties of a mayor. Council agreed to participate in the contest.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Reports:**

##### **1.) City Manager Addleton's Report:**

- He had received official notification from DOT that Broad Street and the Spur had been given to the City. Council discussed limiting travel by large trucks on Broad Street and

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asked that research be done, possibly including contact with merchants, before a decision was made.

- Reminded Council of the SGGSA meeting in Moultrie on February 7th.

**2.) Reports from Mayor & Council:**

Mayor VanLandingham asked if Council Members wanted to eat together on Saturday night while at the Mayor's Day Conference, and it was decided not to make plans since they would all be attending the MEAG dinner on Sunday. He requested that members split up for the meetings on Sunday so that more could be attended.

Councilman Cloud reported that he had been requested by Admin. Asst. Judith Pinon the previous day to respond to a request in the absence of Mayor VanLandingham to make a comment regarding the legacy of recently-deceased, Janie Weatherspoon Green, formerly of Cairo; and he had done so on behalf of the Council.

Councilman Douglas commented that he saw a potential problem if the new truck stop on Highway 84 East used 3rd St., NE as an entrance and exit, adding that constant use would tear up the residential street. Mayor VanLandingham stated that he and City Manager Addleton would follow-up on it.

Mayor VanLandingham advised that he had been involved in the planning of the upcoming event at the Boys and Girls Club, and that a lot of well-known people from out of town were planning to attend; and this would be a good opportunity for the City in many ways.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None:

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM**  
**MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**