

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 28, 2010**

The January 28, 2010 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham 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, City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee, Community Services Director Pat Mitchell, and Interim Exec. Asst. Judith Pinon. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – January 11, 2010.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

**Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club.** Executive Director Lee Wagner of the Southwest Georgia Boys & Girls Club reported to the Council that the local club had been in operation since December 21<sup>st</sup> and was providing very beneficial leadership and activities for its members. He and Mrs. Nola Daughtry both expressed their appreciation for the community's support, stating that making a difference in children's lives had a domino affect on the whole community. Two members of the club, along with their parents, conveyed the things they liked best about being a part of the organization. Cairo's Club Director, Jeff Brown, expressed his thanks for the Council's commitment, and a plaque of recognition was also presented to the City.

**Grady County Housing Task Force - Ms. Mildred Clark, Mr. Tony Ward, and Mr. Peter Wright.** The delegation was not present regarding the agenda item.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Grady County 2010 4-H Modified Trap Shotgun Team Request for Use of Range Site at the LAS for Practices February 4<sup>th</sup> through the middle of May.** After review motion was made by Councilman Douglas to grant the request, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance Adoption – Amend Zoning to Remove Personal Care Homes as a Conditional Use in Single-Family Zoning Districts. (Ordinance was introduced at the August 24, 2009 meeting).** After review motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Ordinance Adoption – Amend Zoning to Correct Conflicting Wording in Section 22-218-(d) by Deleting Subsection (d), Thereby Modifying the Conditional Uses in the C-2 Zoning District. (Ordinance was introduced at the August 24, 2009 meeting).** After review motion was made by Councilman Thornton to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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**New Council Chambers Renovation Recommendations.** Referring to the presentation at the previous meeting by Mr. Johnny Tuggle of Deep South Builders of renovation plans for the old Roddenbery Hardware Building, City Manager Addleton noted that total costs of the City's part of the renovation was \$193,385.91 and recommend alternatives as follows: 1.) six-panel doors at \$4,000, 2.) wood bath partitions at \$1,410, 3.) granite desk top at \$4,860, and 4.) installation of a basic configuration for future PA system at \$4,000. The grand total came to \$207,655.91, with \$100,000 having been budgeted for FY 2009-2010. \$15,000 had already been spent on design plans, engineering, demolition, and structural improvements. He proposed using the remaining funds to begin the renovation project and to budget approximately \$125,000 in FY 2011 for completion. Mayor VanLandingham noted that a decision on the alternatives could be made later. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the project costs, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed by Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton. Councilman Douglas abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Implementation of Federally-Mandated Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement Compliance (SAVE Program) – Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Addendum to the MOA, and Addendum for USCIS Anticipated Collections from Non-Federal Sources.** City Clerk Lee explained that participation was required for the program which involved obtaining information to verify that applicants for public benefits were legally in the United States. The information would be obtained from future employees, applicants for occupational certificates, business licenses, and persons who entered into contracts with the City. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the MOA and Addendums for participation in the program, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Resolution for Adoption of Agreement for Re-Statement of 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan to Comply with IRS and Reflect Changes in the Law as Prepared and Requested by GMA Legal Counsel.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the resolution for adoption of the agreement, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**GMA 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Amendment Adoption Agreement.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the Adoption Agreement, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**GMA 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan Amendment 1 to the Adoption Agreement.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve Amendment 1 to the Adoption Agreement, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Participation in the "If I Were Mayor, I would..." GMA Statewide Essay Contest.** After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to participate in the program, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **City Manager's Report:**

1. Reported the resignation of Planning Commission Member J. D. Stephens, stating that a notice had been placed in the current issue of the Cairo Messenger soliciting interested citizens to serve on the Board. He added that he would like to have nominations at the February

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8<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the new member could attend training scheduled for February 11th and 18th. Mayor VanLandingham stated that he would also like to have discussion regarding compensating the members, possibly \$20 per meeting attended. It was requested that survey information be obtained as to how others cities compensated their commission members.

2. Advised that nominations were being received for GMA 2010-2011 District Officers (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President).

3. Advised of notice to proceed by February 1<sup>st</sup> on the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW Project. Detours and road closings in the area would be necessary, with an expected project completion date by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. Reported that water improvements had been started in the Morningside area.

5. Reminded Council of the strategic planning meeting immediately following the Council meeting, as well as the February 8<sup>th</sup> budget workshop following the regular meeting on that date.

6. Requested to review the Utility Extension Policy at the next meeting.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Community Services – Director Pat Mitchell - Updated on Pinpoint Geo Data Collection System and Sidewalk Maintenance.** Mr. Mitchell presented data on a 24% savings in fuel consumption as a result of using the Pinpoint system within the Community Services Dept. for the period July through August. He included information on the number of potholes recorded as well as data on trash and garbage collection. He also presented before-and-after pictures of areas where sidewalks had been edged. In closing, he read the goals set by his department for maintaining streets and sidewalks.

2. **Cairo Fire Department.**

a.) **Incident List – December 2009**

b.) **Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis – 2009**

c.) **Incident Type Period Comparisons - 2009**

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:** None

Ms. Teresa Gee Harris, 358 Crescent Circle, SW, was present and expressed her thanks to the Council for the work done in that area. She added that there was still an odor in the area, but had been informed by City Manager Addleton that there was a plan in place to correct the problem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

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

**APPROVED:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE CITY CLERK**