

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JANUARY 30, 2014

The January 30, 2014 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton and Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was unable to attend the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, and Public Works Director Raymond Stokes. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was not present at the meeting. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – January 13, 2014. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Public Hearing – Amending Article VI entitled “Signs” of Chapter 22 captioned “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances. There was no one present to offer comments on the amendment; therefore the hearing was closed.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22 Entitled “Signs” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia. City Manager Addleton advised that Attorney Lehman had incorporated some suggestions that had been recommended by the Cairo Planning Commission after their review. He referred to the various sections where revisions had been made for Council to review. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

Final Approval of Audit Report FY 2013. The Finance Committee had reviewed the report at its meeting held prior to the Council meeting. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Proposed Agreement and Resolution between the City of Cairo and Ga. Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Airport Engineering Assistance for Property Acquisition (two parcels) and Update of Terminal Area Plan (Status report from Croy Engineering). City Manager Addleton reported that the property acquisition consisted of Parcel B (Maddox), 26.73 acres on the east end of the runway; and Parcel E (Hucks), 15.74 acres on the west side of the runway, both parcels depicted on the sketch presented. He had been working with Croy Engineering to acquire the parcels, and the agreement would allow them to develop a long-term plan for the terminal area. It would be funded by \$176,179 of federal funds, \$4,636 of state funds, and \$4,636 of local funds. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

GEFA Loan Application. City Manager Addleton advised that he had submitted a pre-application in 2012 to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Drinking Water State

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Revolving Fund for financing of a new water plant, groundwater storage tank, two deep wells, an arsenic absorption system, and a water transmission main. He had since received notification from GEFA that the City was eligible for a loan with a principle “forgiveness” of \$156,860 if executed by June 30, 2014. In a meeting with the GEFA Program Manager in December, he was successful in obtaining approval of his request for the maximum forgiveness amount of \$500,000. Total project cost would be \$4,336,710 with \$750,000 funding from the City for a loan amount of \$3,586,710, of which \$500,000 would be in the form of loan forgiveness. He was looking at a 10-year financing option at .66 percent. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Landfill Equipment Needs. City Manager Addleton submitted proposals from Yancey for trade-in of a 1998 CAT 613C dirt pan scraper with a cracked carrying bowl for a 2012 CAT 725 articulated dump truck with a 25-ton capacity. The sale price was \$241,800 with 60-month financing of 2.4% at \$2,199.27 per month and a 5-year/5,000 hour buy-back price of \$110,000. The second item was a non-running 1990 CAT 816B dozer/compactor to be traded in on a 2010 CAT 816F2 dozer/compactor which could help to extend the current 8-year life of the landfill. The sale price was \$205,000 with a 60-month financing of 2.4% at \$2,789.75 per month and a 5-year/6,000 hour buy-back price of \$45,000. The funding source for the two pieces of equipment was to re-direct money from budgeted Landfill Equipment and Repairs funds for four months until 2014 SPLOST funds designated for Public Works equipment could be utilized. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the purchase of equipment, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Councilman Douglas asked if the price would be the same for cash as for financing. City Manager Addleton had checked other financing options, but recommended the proposals from Yancey. Councilman Douglas recommended checking with the local banks for financing at the lowest interest rate with a 5-year amortization. It was noted that the Yancey proposal with the buy-back option was the same as leasing for five years. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to finance the equipment as proposed at 2.4% for 60 months. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

Finance Report for the Month of December 2013. The Finance Committee had reviewed the report at its meeting held prior to the Council meeting, with Councilman Douglas reporting that there were some good areas and some areas that still needed to be watched. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

City Manager’s Report:

- Announced that Grady County would be featured in the April edition of Ga. Trend magazine.
- Sent courtesy letter to business owners regarding enforcement of the truck ordinance, and signs had been erected.
- Announced the hiring of a new Gas Supt., Robbie Hutchinson.
- Reminded the Council of the annual SGGSA meeting to be held in Cairo on Feb. 27th at the Country Club.

Reports from Mayor and Council:

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- Councilman Gilliard reported on a call he had received regarding the burned Strickland house on 11th & 12th, NW, with a report that it was no longer tied up with the insurance co.
- Mayor Burns apologized for not having recognized Councilmen Douglas and Cloud on their re-election to the Council at the last meeting, but wished them well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ROBERTS B. BURNS, SR.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK