

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The February 11, 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, 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, Police Chief Keith Sandefur, and Community Services Director Pat Mitchell. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – January 24, 2013. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Grantee Acceptance Letter to Proceed with U. S. Department of Justice Grant Under the FY09 Recovery Act (BJA-Byrne JAG). City Manager Addleton stated that the amount of the grant was \$26,527.00, with Chief Sandefur adding that it would be used to upgrade to digital video equipment in the police vehicles. After discussion, motion to approve the acceptance letter was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Request to Purchase Two Budgeted Vehicles for the Police Department. City Manager Addleton reported that three quotes were received on the vehicle for investigations as follows: **1.)** Stallings Motors - \$26,966.00 for 2013 Dodge Durango, **2.)** Brannen Motor Co. - \$26,800.00 for 2013 Ford Interceptor, and **3.)** Brannen Motor Co. - \$27,800.00 for a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe. It was requested that a 2013 Dodge Durango be purchased locally from Stallings Motors at a cost of \$26,966.00. Two quotes for a Dodge Charger Police Package patrol unit were received under the State of Georgia contract, both for \$23,136.00, by Stallings Motors and Carl Gregory in Columbus. It was also recommended to purchase the vehicle locally from Stallings Motors. After discussion, motion to approve both purchases from Stallings Motors as recommended was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Replacement of 2002 973C Caterpillar Track Loader at Landfill. In lieu of repair costs of over \$60,000 on the loader, other options had been considered as follows: **1.)** purchase a new 973D Caterpillar loader at \$429,971 less trade in of existing unit at \$35,000 for a net cost of \$394,871, or **2.)** purchase a used 2008 973C Caterpillar loader for \$161,000 less trade in of existing unit at \$35,000 for a net cost of \$126,500. The used unit had around 6,975 hours on it and some warranty left on the power train. Payment options were to finance through Caterpillar at 2.23% for the new unit or 2.65% for the used one, or through the MEAG Competitive Trust. Director Mitchell explained that the existing unit had approximately 20,000 hours of operation on it, and he recommended purchase of the used unit. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas

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to purchase the used unit at \$126,500 and to pay through the Competitive Trust. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Energy Excise Tax Intergovernmental Agreement with Grady County and the City of Whigham for the Allocation and Distribution of Tax Proceeds. City Manager Addleton noted that the City had passed an ordinance to impose the excise tax back in December, and since that time the County had decided to do the same and had presented the model agreement to the City. He added that the proper procedure and time frame had not been followed with regard to required notification that was to be made by the County before September 2011 to meet with the Cities to discuss an agreement. However, the agreement would now add Grady County and the City of Whigham as recipients of the tax, with the County to distribute the funds. After discussion, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

Finance Report for the Months of November and December 2012. Councilman Douglas reported that there was a deficit at the end of the year which was due to the bond payment. After discussion, motion to approve both reports was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

City Manager Addleton's Report:

- Advised that there was a Natural Gas Liaison meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. the following day at Mr. Chick.
- A pre-construction meeting with Scruggs Construction had been held the previous week, and Scruggs was anxious to begin the resurfacing project as soon as possible.
- A pre-construction meeting on the Joyner Road project would be held the following week with DOT and Scruggs Construction.
- With the Boys and Girls Club renaming event coming up in March, donated lighting has been installed at Holder Park by City crews. Additional park improvements had also been planned.
- Public hearings had been scheduled to consider a rezoning application for property at the corner of 10th Ave., NW and Highway 84 for February 21st by the Planning Commission and on March 11th by the Council.

Reports from Mayor and Council:

Councilman Thornton requested that the rough railroad crossing that divided 4th Street NW and SW be checked for needed improvement.

Councilman Gilliard asked why the azaleas at Azalea Park had been cut back before they had bloomed. City Manager Addleton explained that the manpower was available now while crews were not in grass-cutting season. He added that they were working to improve that park, and had cut back the azaleas which had been invaded by other unwanted plants. Councilman Gilliard noted that there was a problem with all City landscaping.

Councilman Cloud presented a quote in the amount of \$1,573.70 for improvement of lighting at the Cultural Center, noting that there were certain areas in the building that were almost dark. He had met with Electric Department personnel, who would do the installation, and had gotten pricing for the additional lighting and also to change out bulbs that were the wrong type. He also requested that City Manager Addleton find out what the rental fees were for weekly and weekend rentals at the

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Center, adding that there may now be more rentals due to the Agricenter no longer being available for rental. Councilman Douglas suggested checking the balance in the GCC account. Mayor VanLandingham suggested looking at speaker systems also, with Councilman Cloud suggesting that any speakers installed be wired with plug-in jacks. Attorney Lehman advised that speaker systems had been considered before, but the building would really need to be baffled (estimated cost \$60,000) to have a good sound system. He added that there was about \$3,000 owed on the loan, and he expected it would be paid off by June, at which time they could afford to purchase additional tables and chairs and plan for other improvements. He noted that it was pretty much rented every weekend for the balance of the year at \$850 per weekend. City Manager Addleton added that the City handled the building maintenance which would include the lighting. After discussion, motion to approve the invoice for lighting improvement in the amount of \$1,573.70 was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR