

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

The February 22, 2016 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 James H. Douglas, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Jerry L. Cox, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – February 8, 2016.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Consider Purchase of Public Works Water Distribution Truck.** Three Quotes were received as follows: **1.)** Brannen Motor Co. - Ford F-250 Crew - \$24,567.00, **2.)** Hobson – Chevrolet Silverado - \$30,251.70, and **3.)** Stallings Automotive – Dodge Ram 2500 Crew - \$27,251.00. Councilman Cox inquired if there was a procedure or percentage to determine if a local bid should be awarded over a lower out-of-town bid. Council discussed the amount of bid difference between Brannen and Stallings, noting that sometimes a higher local bid had been awarded if there was only a minimal difference in bid amounts. After discussion, motion to approve the purchase of the truck from Brannen Motor Co. was made by Councilman Cox and seconded by Councilman Gwaltney. Councilman Douglas noted that Brannen paid no taxes nor provided anything to Cairo. It was also noted that a vehicle bought out of town had to be taken out of town for service. Also discussed was taking into consideration how taxpayers money was spent and how not taking a low bid could possibly diminish the bid process. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved to award the bid to Brannen Motor Company.

**Consider Resolution and Adoption Agreement for the Restatement of the City of Cairo’s 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan thru Georgia Municipal Association; Federal Law Updates and Designation of the Human Resources Director as Current Plan Contact.** City Manager Addleton explained that the restatement of the plan was to bring it into compliance with Federal law updates. After review, motion to approve the resolution and adoption agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

**1.) City Manager:**

- Rehab of Hilltop water tank had been completed, and it was back in service.
- An email had been received from DOT giving notice that they were to resurface Highway 84 from Upper Hawthorne Trail to east of Pierce Chapel Road and requesting that the

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City prepare a list of manholes and valves. Also, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE was to be resurfaced from the overpass to Highway 84.

- Requested that GMA meeting applications be turned in, advising that reservations had been confirmed at River Street Inn.

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

- Councilman Thornton reported that cable was still freezing up, with Councilman Cox noting that Channels 6, 11, and 500 seemed to be the worse ones. City Manager Addleton reported that cable, as well as satellite companies, had the same problem.
- Councilman Cloud asked why credit cards were not accepted at the Utility office, with City Manager Addleton replying that it might be because of the cost associated with credit card payments.
- Councilman Douglas commented that the grass cutting and edging being done was looking good.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**