

BUDGET WORKSHOP – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The February 23, 2015 Budget Workshop Meeting was held immediately following the Regular Meeting in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street. Present were Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Absent were Council Members Robert L. Gwaltney and Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., with Councilman Gilliard joining the meeting at 6:30 p.m. 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.

City Manager Addleton presented his 2015 Strategic Plan for improving the financial condition of the City, maintaining and improving City infrastructure, improving overall City appearance, developing a growth plan for the City, and improving the quality of life in Cairo. (Plan attached).

During the presentation, Council Members made several suggestions that they would like to see considered, some of which are as follows:

Councilman Douglas wished to see sidewalk maintenance and repair work done, with City Manager Addleton noting that a survey to be provided by the firm of Safe Sidewalks was being considered. They would also provide a repair estimate for budget purposes.

Councilman Cloud asked that Attorney Lehman prepare an ordinance and deed form for the sale of columbarium niches. He added that the paving around the unit also needed to be completed.

Councilman Douglas stated that, since a new garbage truck would be needed, it was time to look at the option of outsourcing garbage collection to a private company.

Councilman Cloud suggested that the Kiwanis Clubs might be contacted to donate some picnic tables for the Azalea Park renovation in order to earn credits for their clubs.

Councilman Douglas stated that he would like to see the City entrance signs improved.

Councilman Thornton noted that MLK was in need of repaving.

Councilman Cloud requested that a person be dedicated to cemetery lots.

Councilman Cloud noted that it had been discussed, in past years, to establish a branch of the Fire Department near the Country Club area, but it was never accomplished.

After comments and discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK