

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The February 23, 2015 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 Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. and Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney were not present. Councilman Gilliard joined the group during the Budget Workshop that followed the meeting. 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 City Manager Addleton.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – February 9, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing #1 – City of Cairo’s Comprehensive Plan – Planning Process. Steve O’Neil, SWGRC. Mr. O’Neil presented information on the planning process which could also be found on the website at www.grady-county-comprehensive-plan.com, as well as on Facebook “Plan Grady 2016”. The next planned meeting would be a joint meeting with the County to establish goals and policies and was scheduled for March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cairo Council Chambers. In closing, Mr. O’Neil noted that the plan would need to be adopted prior to October 31, 2016, with City Manager Addleton adding that the goal was to reach completion by October 2015. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing – 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pre-Application. The purpose of the hearing was to allow the public the opportunity to provide the Council with ideas concerning potential projects. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Resolution for Preparation and Submittal of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Application and for Authorizing Mayor Burns to act as the Certifying Official for the Program. After review, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Proposed Purchase of Wearable Cameras for Cairo Police Department. Police Chief Keith Sandefur had requested the purchase of 20 Body Worn Video Cameras for the Police Department to add to the four already being shared by officers. This would provide one for each officer and investigator, in addition to the cameras in the patrol vehicles. The price of 20 video cameras would be \$18,054.00. The purchase was ineligible for SPLOST funding and not a budgeted item; but after discussion, motion to go ahead and approve the purchase of 20 cameras at \$18,054.00, amending the budget if needed, was made by Councilman Douglas. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

At this time, Mayor Burns welcomed a group of students from Albany State who were present to observe the meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Finance Report for January 2015. Councilman Douglas noted that the City was in good shape with the budget and made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

2. City Manager Addleton's Report:

- Presented a letter from Joe Sheffield, District Engineer with Ga. DOT announcing his retirement effective February 28th and the name of his successor, Mr. Chad Hartley, who will assume the position on March 2nd.
- Reported that resolutions submitted from local governments to legislators had been effective in the revision of proposed HB 170 to try and make local governments whole and to use current sales tax agreements for distribution of revenue.
- Advised that the storm water pothole near Quick Buys on S. Broad had been put on the list for repair.
- Announced that the SGGSA Meeting was to be held on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Thomasville.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton noted that pothole repair was needed.
- Councilman Cloud asked that City Manager Addleton meet with a group of citizens interested in a sign being placed on 11th Ave., NW extension near Upper Hawthorne Trail.
- Councilman Douglas noted the need for sidewalk repairs on city sidewalks.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK