

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members James H. Douglas, Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind and Times Enterprise Reporter Susanne Reynolds were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – February 10, 2014. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Several Electric Department employees were present, including Energy Services Director Rod Prince, along with Crew Members James Stuckey, Jerome Mollins, Brandon Norris, and Josh Dollar who had recently been sent to Sandersville, Ga. for several days to assist in restoring power outages due to a severe ice storm. Sandersville City Administrator Judy McCorkle and Mayor Jimmy Andrews, along with ECG CEO John Giles, had expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the City. The Mayor and Council commended the men for their willingness to work and for braving the harsh conditions and long hours to help restore power. In addition, three employees had also worked until midnight the previous Friday assisting utility crews in Thomasville.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Request from Family Worship Center Mpack/Missionette 5K/10K Event to be held on May 17, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (same route as previous year). After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located at 1236 Hwy. 84 West - Tax Map C22, Parcel 27 from C-1A (Neighborhood Commercial District) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) for a Single-Family Residence – Jackson E. Jones, Applicant/Owner. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution for the Landfill Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Application (Prepared by TTL, Inc. - Eligible Reimbursement Request: \$55,444.16). After review, motion to approve the resolution for application was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

CAT Financial Lease-Purchase Agreement and Resolution (725 Caterpillar Articulated Truck and an 816F2 Caterpillar Landfill Compactor) (Payments same as previously discussed). After discussion, motion to approve the agreement and resolution was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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LAS Timber Advertisement for Bid. City Manager Addleton recommended clear-cutting and replanting approximately 200 acres on the west side of the LAS site as shown on a site map presented. Council Members discussed, questioning whether it would be to the City's advantage to grow timber on the site or to consider selling it. Also discussed was the 40 miles of piping and the risers/heads that was to be left in place on the property, as the cost to remove it would be in excess of one million dollars. After discussion, motion to approve the advertisement for bid was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

GDOT/Gateway Grant Application (Estimated Project Cost: \$17,033.00, Amount Requested: \$10,533.00). City Manager Addleton advised that the grant would be used for improvement at the western boundary of the City. After discussion, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Councilman Douglas noted that the gateway would need to be well-maintained; if not by City crews, then by a private contractor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. Finance Report for the Month of January 2014. After review, motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2. City Manager Addleton:

- A Natural Gas Public Awareness Survey was being mailed out and, to encourage participation, the names of those who completed and returned them would be eligible for three drawings for \$100 each.
- Reported on a well-attended Archway meeting that was held the previous Thursday where Robert & Company reviewed streetscape plans with a receptive audience. It was hoped that the project could be started during the first quarter of 2015.
- Reminded Council of the annual SGGSA meeting to be held on Thursday night.
- Requested that the GMA registration forms be turned in to him.

3. Reports from the Mayor & Council. There were no reports made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:20 p.m., motion to enter into executive session to discuss acquisition of property and to discuss the hiring, appointing, compensating, disciplining, or dismissing an employee was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Present for the session were Mayor Burns; Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; City Attorney Lehman; City Clerk Lee; and Fire Chief Jim Fielding and Fire Captain Bill Schafer.

At 7:10 p.m., motion to end the executive session was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK