

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The February 27, 2017 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 Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Jerry L. Cox, 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, Energy Services Director Rod Prince, and Public Works Director Raymond Stokes. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Jordan Barela, were also in attendance. There was also a group of 10 employees from the Energy Services Department who attended.

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 Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – February 13, 2017. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: Mayor Burns recognized the group of Energy Services employees and praised them on their service during recent weather-related events in Cairo, as well as their service provided to Thomasville and Albany. Each employee introduced himself, and Council Members expressed their appreciation to the group.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for Relay for Life at Davis Park on May 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. - Jackie Pearson, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce Antique Car Parade on May 12, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.; with Street Dance to follow at the GCC until 11:00 p.m.; and Car Rally on May 13, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Chadd Mathis, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the events was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Special Event Permit for the Jackie Robinson Boys and Girls Club 5K Run/Walk on May 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Cindy Johnson, Applicant. Mrs. Johnson was present; and after discussion, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Special Event Permit for Campaign Rally for #BTG4M at Davis Park, March 11, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Booker Gainor, Applicant. After discussion, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Councilman Douglas noted that no fees would be waived for officer assistance, if needed, as it was not a non-profit function.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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Contract for Services Agreement with the Grady County Tax Commissioner. The contract to bill and collect City property taxes was necessary due to the election of the new Grady County Tax Commissioner, Barbara Darus, but the terms were the same as for the former tax commissioner. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Purchase of Landfill Caterpillar 973 Track Loader. City Manager Addleton reported that the current loader was getting old, with 12,000 hours on it; and as of June 30, 2014, the life of the landfill was expected to be 4 ½ more years. Director Stokes reported that the nine-year old loader had repair cost of \$30,000 in the past year, and parts were hard to find due to its age. He added that household garbage had to be covered each day, and the loader was vital to the operation of the landfill. Due to the age and cost of potential repair, he believed the best option was to purchase a new 2017 Caterpillar 973D loader for \$467,000. The current 2008 model could be traded in for \$35,000 if it was in the same operating condition when a new model was received, which could take up to six months. Caterpillar had offered a 48-Month/6,000 Hour Lease Payment at \$8,525.00 per month with a 4-Year/6,000 Hour Guaranteed Buyback of \$94,000.00. The interest rate was 3.14%, but could vary slightly at time of delivery. Council Members discussed; and it was requested to learn that if the financing was done through someone else, would Caterpillar still honor the buy-back option. It was also suggested to look at a longer financing period with a lower interest rate. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the purchase at \$432,000.00 from Yancey Caterpillar. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Financing was to be decided at a later time.

Police Department Request for Purchase of Police Department Vehicles. Chief Sandefur had obtained quotes for one patrol unit and two administrative units from five different vendors. It was recommended to purchase the Dodge Charger locally from Stallings Motors for \$22,986.00 as it was only 2.8% over the low bid from Wade Ford in Smyrna Ga. The low bid for the two administrative vehicles was from Brannen Motor Company of Unadilla at \$25,534.00 each. Council discussed warranties, travel time and cost to pick up vehicles purchased out-of-town, and service location for vehicles. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the purchase of the 2017 Dodge Charger from Stallings Motors at \$22,986.00, seconded by Councilman Cox, and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Motion was also made by Councilman Douglas to purchase the two 2017 Ford Explorers from Brannen Ford at \$25,534.00 each, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Agreement with Sensus. City Manager Addleton noted that the project consisted of replacing or retrofitting approximately 4,200 water meters to be funded by a GEFA loan and a grant in the amount of \$1,189,645, with \$475,858 in loan forgiveness. The AMI infrastructure was specified to be the HD Sensus FlexNet System, and GEFA had agreed to the use of that system. The total cost would be \$1,112,652.50, with HD Sensus material cost at \$997,730.50 and installation cost of \$114,922.00. Execution of the agreement with Sensus USA, Inc. was necessary to get all the infrastructure on order. He noted that in Section K on page 3 of the agreement regarding Dispute Resolution, a change of location had been made from Delaware to Georgia. Director Stokes was asked for his opinion, and he stated that it was necessary to make sure the end product was good. Atty. Lehman stated that, while he did not like arbitration, at least it was in Georgia. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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AMI Water Meter Installation - Award of Bid. City Manager Addleton reported that only one bid was received for installation, from Utility Solutions of America for \$142,296.00, so he had asked the engineer to look at some bids for other water meter installation projects. As a result, the bidder had agreed to reduce the cost of meter installation on ¾” and 1” meters, and they would keep the old meters, which resulted in a total savings of \$4,474.00. As an alternative bid, the City had requested that other items be bid such as replacing damaged meter boxes and lids, replacing backflow preventers, and installing holes in lids for transceivers, expecting that it would affect no more than 100 meters. After reviewing contractor cost, it was determined that City forces could be more cost effective in doing those functions, saving \$22,900.00. The total savings over the base bid from Utility Solutions of America was \$27,374.00 resulting in a contract price of \$114,922.00. A Change Order would be issued upon execution of an agreement. Councilman Douglas asked if anyone had talked to the references given by the bidder; with City Manager Addleton responding that the engineer, who had recommended award of the bid, had checked that. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cox to award the bid subject to the change order, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- The 20th Street reconstruction bid opening was scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd.
- Oxford Paving would be working on Highway 84 from Upper Hawthorne Trail out to Pine Park and also on 38 Spur from the overpass to Highway 84.

2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported potholes on 14th St., NW between Bluff & 6th Ave., NW and also at Harlem & 12th St., NW.
- Councilman Cox asked if anyone had looked at the dip on 11th Ave., NW. Director Stokes was asked to check on it.
- Councilman Cloud asked about a wet area on 11th Ave., NW near the Catholic Church which Director Stokes was also asked to check.
- Councilman Douglas mentioned an email that was received regarding HB399 involving filing of candidate and elected official forms with the State.

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

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR