

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MARCH 8, 2010

The March 8, 2010 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, 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 B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – February 22, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

1.) **Ms. Mandy Baxter** - 1310 4th St. N.W. – Ms. Baxter was present in regard to a satellite dish located in her front yard. The location was not in compliance with the City's ordinance that stated the dish could only be located in the rear yard of a residential lot. Ms. Baxter stated that the dish installer had informed her that the front yard was the only place he could get a signal due to the trees, some of which belonged to her neighbors. She was asked why the dish was not installed on the roof or another part of the house. She responded that the installer would not consider another location and would not move it at this point. Councilman Gwaltney stated that he knew someone who could run the signal test to see if another location could be found for the dish. It was suggested that someone from the City contact Direct TV regarding the ordinance regulations, with Attorney Lehman noting that it was ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to check with the City regarding placement of the dish. City Manager Addleton stated that he would be glad to talk with the installer if Ms. Baxter would ask him to call. It was noted that there was not currently a permit required for dish satellites, and City Manager Addleton was asked to research the matter.

2.) **Denise Bell & Jhynell Wilson – Southwest Georgia Community Action Council, Inc.** Ms. Bell stated that the organization operated the Grady County Neighborhood Service Center that provided rental and utility assistance to low-income residents who might otherwise become homeless or lose utility service. She was present to request that no additional fees accrue on utility accounts between the time their guarantee letter was received by the City and the time their check was received from the Moultrie headquarters (7 to 10 days). She added that the agency typically paid only a portion of a past-due bill with the customer being required to make a payment and submit the receipt to them. Council discussed and asked how Thomasville, Camilla, and Moultrie handled the waiving of fees since they use the same software. Ms. Bell stated that Moultrie could handle the waiver. City Manager Addleton was requested to check into how the procedure worked in other cities and see if a process could be worked out to successfully comply with the request.

3.) **Mr. Charles Riles** - was present and wanted to discuss charges for a digital cable box that he claimed to have returned in 2007 for which he was still being billed. He was requested to meet with City Manager Addleton the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Revival Function Revised Request – Pastor Rogers R. Angelety, Jr., New Testament Church of Jesus Christ - Revival to be held on the City-owned lot on 4th St., SW - (Event was

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approved at a previous meeting for one day only). A request had been made to extend the event from April 26th through May 1st (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6th Avenue N.W. Stormwater Project Addition. Councilman Thornton had made a request to extend the stormwater project to include piping ditches and adding gutters on 9th St., NW from 7th Ave., NW to 9th Ave., NW. The original project design planned for ditches piped only on the east side of 9th St to 7th Ave. The addition would consist of approximately 900 feet of piping and gutters on each side of 9th St., NW. DRMP had provided estimates on two options, with City Manager Addleton recommending Option 2 due to its effectiveness on a slope and because it would fit in better with any future CDBG project. The estimated cost for Option 2 was \$130,000, and there would be approximately \$30,000 left from the original project amount of \$400,000, with the \$100,000 difference to come out of SPLOST 2008. Council discussed, noting that it would also be better to have the contractor do the driveway replacements as part of the project. After discussion, motion to approve the project addition was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

20th Street N.E. Culvert and 16" Water Main – Phase I - Task Order #11. City Manager Addleton proposed dividing the project, which had not received funding from the DOT, into three phases. Phase I would consist of pipe replacement with concrete box culvert and relocation of a 16" water main by directional bore to be done during the time that school is not in session. Phases II and III would follow later with further pipe replacement, widening, curb and gutter, and resurfacing of 20th Street from U. S. Highway 84 to Highway 188. After discussion, motion to approve Phase I of the project was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2010 TTL Proposal (No. P06710006) and Services Agreement for Semi-annual Groundwater/Surface Water Sampling at the 6th Ave., NW Landfill based on the Revised Assessment of Corrective Measures. City Manager Addleton advised that the total estimated yearly cost for monitoring and reporting would be \$32,469.80. After review, motion to approve was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

CDBG 2010: Basis of Selection for Administrative Consulting Services for the Teresa Edwards Street Stormwater Improvement Project. City Manager Addleton reported that a committee of three had considered the two proposals received, with Bob Roberson & Associates, Inc. having received the highest score based on selection criteria. After discussion, motion to approve Bob Roberson & Associates for administrative consulting was made by Councilman Gwaltney and seconded by Councilman Cloud. Motion passed, with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor of the motion and Councilman Douglas abstaining from voting.

CDBG 2010: Basis of Selection for Engineering Consulting Services. City Manager Addleton reported that six proposals had been received and evaluated, with Watkins and Associates being recommended for engineering services. After review, motion to approve the recommendation was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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CDBG 2010: Agreement for Administrative Services with Bob Roberson & Associates. Attorney Lehman had reviewed the agreement and approved its content. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Cloud and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion passed, with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor of the motion and Councilman Douglas abstaining from voting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Reminded Council Members of Census Day planned for Saturday, March 13th from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Fire Department.
2. Reported that the City and County had paid off the debt (\$655,863.61) for the Milestone Industrial Park Extension on March 1st.

REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Gwaltney requested that cuts that had been made for gas lines across driveways on Oakdale & Lakewood be checked and patched if needed. (Darrell Brinkley)

Councilman Cloud reminded everyone that it was the last day to purchase Hall of Fame tickets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made at 6:44 p.m. by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members to enter into Executive Session to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceeding by or against the board or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2). At 7:00 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members to end the Executive Session. There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**