

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

The March 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 Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. 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 Councilman Douglas.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – March 9, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce Antique Car Parade, with Street Dance to follow at the GCC - May 8, 2015, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce Antique Car Rally at Davis Park on May 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

3.) The Power of Praise Ministry Cross Walk - March 28, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Walk to be on sidewalks from Washington Middle School, proceed up BroadStreet, ending behind the Library. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pre-Application Public Hearing. The purpose of the hearing was for the Mayor and Council to hear from interested citizens concerning the project. There were no comments offered from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Resolution Authorizing the City of Cairo to Prepare and Submit a Community Development Block Grant Application for 2015 Funding Cycle, and to Authorize Mayor Burns to act as the Authorized Official for the Program. After review, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Public Hearing – New Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Taco n Madre, (Liquor, Pouring), located at 21 M. L. King, Jr. Ave. – Jose Rigoberto Ruiz, Business Owner/Applicant. There were no comments offered from the public, and the hearing was closed.

New Alcoholic Beverage License Application – Taco n Madre, (Liquor, Retail Pouring), located at 21 M. L. King, Jr. Avenue – Jose Rigoberto Ruiz, Business Owner/Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2015 Alcoholic Beverage Application Renewals. After review, motion to approve the renewal applications was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Adoption of Columbarium Ordinance. (The ordinance was introduced at the March 9th meeting). After review, motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Awarding of Bid for FY 2015 LMIG & Resurfacing Project. Phase I - 19th St., NE and Industrial Park Drive, and Phase II – 5th St., NW/Azalea Park, had been bid together with separate costs for each resurfacing as follows:

	Phase I	Phase II	Total
• HTS Construction, Inc.	\$161,748.67	\$111,748.44	\$273,497.11
• The Scruggs Company	\$137,651.13	\$158,711.89	\$296,363.02
• Oxford Construction	\$132,350.50	\$169,134.90	\$301,485.40

It was recommended to accept the total bid from Oxford Construction who was low bidder on Phase I at \$132,350.50 but high bidder on Phase II at \$169,134.90 (\$301,485.40 total bid for both phases), and to enter into an agreement with a stipulation to issue a change order to the contract to remove Phase II (\$169,134.90) from the scope of work. Phase II would be re-bid at a later date. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the total bid with a stipulation to issue a change order to the contract to remove Phase II (\$169,134.90) from the scope of work. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Finance Report for the Month of February 2015. The report had been reviewed in the Finance Committee meeting with one change to be made regarding Telecom revenue. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) City Manager:

- Planning to attend a MEAG Roundtable Meeting to be held on Tuesday in Albany.
- Public meeting on Comprehensive Planning to be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m.
- Presented information from the MGAG Spring Meeting regarding how 2014-15 weather temperatures had been a factor in increased utility usage, thus increasing utility bills.
- Reported that much interest had been shown in the RFPs for garbage collection services.

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3. Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Thornton asked that the sidewalk at North Broad St. and 4th Ave., NW be repaired.
- Councilman Gwaltney reported that the grass was high at 508 9th Ave., SE, and the garage was an eyesore. He also reported on a large hole across from 1752 Oakdale Rd., SE. He inquired about the paving list for streets and learned that 8th Ave., SE was on the list for fall paving.
- Councilman Gilliard reported a water leak in the road on 11th Ave., NW near Westlake Drive.
- Councilman Cloud reported that the family of Dr. Walter Smith, formerly of Cairo, would be contacting the City regarding the placement of a historical sign at Holder Park to honor the Holder family who had donated the land for the park.
- Councilman Douglas stated that some citizens had expressed their appreciation for the grass cutting that was being done. He also asked when the sidewalk survey would be done, with City Manager Addleton informing him that some streets had already been surveyed, and that there would be a meeting with the company this week. Councilman Douglas noted that there was an area on the sidewalk on Hwy. 84 West that needed to be looked at for repair.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK