

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR AND COUNCIL – MARCH 24, 2014

The March 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, Asst. City Clerk Sandra Pearce, and Community Services Director Pat Mitchell. 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 Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting – March 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: It was agreed to allow Bert Wind to speak on behalf of the Board of Directors for the RCC regarding the Zebulon Theatre. Mr. Wind explained that for the last six months fundraising efforts had been made to allow the theatre to go to a digital projection system. They were currently \$12,000 to \$14,000 short. Mr. Richard VanLandingham and the County had agreed to each donate \$4,000, and Mr. Wind asked if the City would be able to give \$4,000 as well. Ms. Lequita LeGette also expressed her desire for the City to contribute to the theatre and commented that most towns are looking for a theatre such as the Zebulon. After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to postpone action and place this request on the next agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard and passed by all Council Members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce – Antique Car Parade to be held on May 9, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Broad Street. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce – Antique Car Rally to be held on May 10, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Davis Park. After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Correct Chapter 22 Entitled “Signs” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia. (Ordinance was introduced at the March 10th meeting). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Introduction of Ordinance to Rezone Parcel Located at 1287 Holder Ave., SW – Tax Map C7, Parcel 73, from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial

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District). The Ordinance for re-zoning that was approved at the January 13, 2014 meeting was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

2014 Alcoholic Beverage Application Renewals. After discussion, motion to approve the renewal applications was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Awarding of Bid and Approval of Contract Agreement for FY 2014-15 Street Resurfacing Project – Phase 3. The project consisted of two phases, the first being 7.98 miles of streets and the second being the completion of 20th St., NE from Eastside School to Highway 188. Four bids were received as follows: **1.)** Scruggs Co. - \$992,994.82, **2.)** Oxford Construction - \$1,108,683.95, **3.)** Peavy & Son Construction Co. – \$1,259,570.00, and **4.)** Reeves Construction Co. - \$1,371,280.00. After discussion, motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Scruggs Co., at \$992,994.82 and approve the contract agreement was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Purchase of Commercial Front Load Garbage Truck. Four quotes were obtained as follows: **1.)** Transpro Equipment Sales, LLC - \$215,020.00, **2.)** Peterbilt of Albany - \$222,948.00, **3.)** Truck Equipment Sales, Inc. - \$222,657.00, and **4.)** Yancey Truck Centers - \$248,324.20. Several five-year financing options were presented. After discussion, motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 truck from Peterbilt of Albany for \$222,948.00 with financing through Capital City Bank at a fixed rate of 2.43% was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

1.) Finance Report for Month of February 2014. The Finance Committee had previously reviewed the report, and after discussion regarding a correction, motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) City Manager:

- Decatur Co. would be having a dedication ceremony for a WWII Hangar Renovation.
- GMA Spring Learning Session would be held at Bainbridge City Hall on April 16th.
- The first well at the airport was completed, and testing for 24 hours resulted in a drawdown of 3 feet and production of 3,200 gallons per minute.
- An appreciation letter was received from a citizen praising the helpfulness of the Electric and CNS crews.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Atty. Lehman had studied the noise ordinance and wanted suggestions from the Council on what changes they would like to see made. It was suggested to be more specific with the ordinance and expand on complaints that had been received.
- Atty. Lehman also commented that he felt that money should not be given to an Agency without going through a contract (referring to the City donating money to the Zebulon). He explained that a contract would allow for the money to be properly used and accounted for.

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- Councilman Cloud stated that he had noticed children riding golf carts on 13th Ave. SW and asked that the Police Department patrol this area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

SANDRA PEARCE, ASST. CITY CLERK