

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR AND COUNCIL – APRIL 9, 2012

The April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. 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, City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee, and Fire Chief Jim Fielding. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – March 26, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Special Request Permit for Fitness Life, LLC – Run/Walk Benefit for Mr. Billy Godwin on April 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting at 311 8th Ave., NE. Event sponsors outlined the event that was to include several activities during the day to take place in and directly behind their business. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the request and for the group to get with City Manager Addleton to finalize the best route for the run/walk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

2.) Special Request Permit for Memorial Day Annual Event - Mr. Doug Taylor, VFW – May 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Davis Park. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Article III Entitled “Parking” of Chapter 20 Captioned “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo - To Establish a “No Parking Area” on the North Right-of-Way of MLK, Jr. Ave., SW from the Point of Intersection with First Ave., SW, Westward a Distance of 140 Feet; to Establish the Effective Date of this Ordinance; to Repeal All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith and for Other Purposes: Attorney Lehman had been asked to look at establishing a “no parking” area along the curb on MLK at Scott’s Tasty Chicken. He stated that there was a safety issue for eastbound traffic on 1st Ave., SW at that intersection. Councilman Cloud felt that 140 feet was too great an area and would impact the business negatively. After discussion, it was requested that the 140 ft. “no parking” area be marked off, so that Councilman Thornton could look at it and discuss the distance with the business owner. (Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.)

Renewal Application for Alcoholic Beverage License (Beer, Consumption on Premises) for Daniel Cruz-Bautista - El Tarasco located at 351 9th St., SE. After review,

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motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

2012 CDBG Project (8th St., SW) Agreements: Engineering Agreement with Watkins & Associates and Administrative Consultant Agreement with Bob Roberson and Associates. Agreements had been reviewed and approved by Attorney Lehman. After review, motion to approve both agreements was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Fire Department Request - Presentation on Cairo Public Safety Training Center - Part II. Chief Fielding had looked at a fire facilities burn building in Albany and presented pictures of a Model Volunteer II to the Council. Proposed building costs and freight were \$68,885; foundation, \$8,000; and erection costs, \$12,920, for a total of \$89,785. The \$50,000 to be spent for training, in accordance with the Public Service Commission (PSC) Agreement, would pay for a portion of the costs, with the balance to be budgeted in the next fiscal year. Chief Fielding stated that delivery could be within ten to twelve weeks, and that City employees would do the foundation work. Councilman Cloud suggested asphaltting the area around the building, with Chief Fielding responding that he thought the project could be done in stages with paving coming later. Adding that watershed had been considered, and that trucks would not be driven out to the building, he agreed to bring back costs estimates for paving. Councilman Douglas asked if the estimates included the cost of City labor, with Chief Fielding confirming that it did not include labor or wiring. It was noted that the purchase would be contingent upon approval by the PSC to spend the \$50,000 now and complete the project after the initial deadline for spending the money. City Manager Addleton believed the PSC would give favorable consideration. After discussion, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve construction of the facility, contingent upon approval of the proposal by the PSC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed, with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor and Councilman Douglas opposing.

Chief Fielding also reported on testing that had been done on the siren at the Fire Department to see how far the sound would travel. It could not be heard city-wide, so he had obtained a quote on a new one that would reach a three-mile radius for \$20,000. If the equipment was purchased and installed by the City, it would be \$11,900. He recommended budgeting for the equipment in next fiscal year and installing it behind City Hall.

Resolution of the City of Cairo Recognizing Georgia Cities Week - April 22-28, 2012. After review, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager:

- a. The budget process was going smoothly, currently working on revenue projections.
- b. Bids for the Community Services building were to be opened on April 19th.
- c. City Manager Addleton and Mayor VanLandingham had attended a Transportation SPLOST meeting in Camilla earlier in the day and reported that it was proposed that 40 million dollars would be collected in the 14 counties, with 92% of that raised in Grady County to come back to the

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cities and the county. City Manager Addleton was to send a list of the proposed projects to Council Members.

2.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- a. Councilman Cloud requested that the City consider erecting a brick sign at Greenwood and Crestview Cemeteries off 20th Street NE where the drive had been closed, with Mayor VanLandingham suggesting that the sign, as well as other upgrades, be considered and recommendations brought back.
- b. Mayor Vanlandingham reported that the county-wide revival was being held for three days in April at 7:00 p.m., which would conflict with the next Council meeting. Council discussed the meeting time, but agreed to leave the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**