

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 12, 2010

The April 12, 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 and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was out of town. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor VanLandingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Cairo Reds Baseball Team – Jerome Bryant – Request to use Holder Park Baseball Field on Sundays April through October. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Council Members also discussed the need to supply restroom facilities for park patrons, noting that portable toilets could be provided temporarily. It was agreed to consider more permanent restroom facilities in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-24 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding the Location of Satellite Dish Antennas. (Ordinance was introduced at the March 22nd meeting). After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for 2010 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Grant. City Manager Addleton advised that the resolution would provide for a joint City/County grant application to be prepared by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission who would also administer the grant should it be awarded. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the resolution and to split the \$250 application fee 50/50 with the County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Lease Agreement between the City of Cairo and Historical Society. City Manager Addleton advised that City Attorney Lehman had prepared the lease agreement between the City and Historical Society to share the old Roddenbery Hardware Building. After review, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution to Appoint Voting Delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the resolution to appoint Energy Services Director Rod Prince as Delegate and City Manager Addleton as Alternate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Award Bid to Close in Tractor Shed at Community Services Department. City Manager Addleton noted that three quotes were submitted, and that the project was in the current year's budget and was needed for safety and security reasons. After review of the bids, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to award the bid in the amount of \$21,349.69 to the low bidder, Tyson Steel Building Products of Doerun, Ga. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Funding of New Council Chamber. City Manager Addleton reported that the renovation was progressing more rapidly than anticipated, and he recommended completion of the project in the current 2010 Fiscal Year Budget. He proposed that a budget amendment be made later to move some other 2009-10 FY capital items (new financial software and new telephone system) to FY 2010-11 to offset the renovation expense. After discussion, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Council Members Gwaltney and Thornton were appointed to review all details of the renovation project.

Intergovernmental 3-Year Agreement with the City of Thomasville to Provide MSGovern/GEMS Financial Software. City Manager Addleton advised that proposals from two software systems, MSGovern and CSI, had been considered. Noting some of the advantages and disadvantages of both systems, he believed the advantages of MSGovern offset any disadvantages of the system and recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the City of Thomasville to provide the software to convert from the current provider, Harris Computer Systems (Tailored Business Systems), with conversion expected to be completed by July 1st. Due to errors that had occurred previously in the utility billing conversion, Thomasville was willing to give credit (\$60,240) on this conversion by waiving the initial costs of software licenses fees, data conversion, and training. The annual support amount would be \$5,500 for the first year and \$12,000 for years 2 and 3. After discussion, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2010 Alcoholic Beverage Applications. 1.) Charles Lowe at 201B 4th St., NW - Retail Beer and Wine, Consumption, and 2.) James Swartz - Pizza Hut at 399 Hwy. 84 East - Retail Beer, Consumption. After review, motion to approve both applications was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Addleton reported that some unexpected repair work at Holder Park Pool was needed before the pool could be opened, and he had obtained a quote from Irwin & Mahaffey Construction Co., Inc. A short-term less expensive solution to the safety-issue problems would involve removal and replacement of all chipped plaster on the bottom of the pool (\$8,860) that, if left unattended, could cut swimmers' feet. The application of a slip-resistant epoxy-based swimming pool finish was also needed (\$2,600), bringing the total cost of repairs to \$11,460. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the repairs, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1.) Announced that the Fire Dept. had been awarded a \$5,510 grant for purchase of smoke detectors.
- 2.) Reported that a \$20,000 Gateway Grant had been awarded to the City for beautification of the triangle at 1st Ave., NE and Highway 84 East. A detailed site plan would be needed, as well as an Encroachment Permit from DOT.
- 3.) Requested that the budget workshop scheduled for April 22nd be rescheduled for April 26th following the regular meeting, with Council agreeing to the change.

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REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor VanLandingham reported on an Electric Cities of Georgia (ECOG) meeting that he had recently attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**