

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 26, 2010

The April 26, 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, Finance Director Miriam Faircloth, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – April 12, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Pentecostal Church of God Revival – Julius West, Applicant. Request to use City-owned lot on 4th St., SW next to Myles Laundrymat on May 3rd through May 16, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Staff members had suggested that the ending time be moved to 10:00 p.m. to comply with the noise ordinance and also that the applicant be reminded to pick up trash each evening. Council discussed the increase in number of requests to use this lot and whether they should continue to allow functions to be held there. Councilman Cloud pointed out that the lot was in the plans for use by Holder Park, and that it might be a good place to add a much needed soccer field. It was noted that there was currently no electric power on the lot unless applicants had a temporary service placed there for events. City Manager Addleton was requested to bring back a recommendation on whether to continue allowing events to be held at the location. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request with the ending time changed to 10:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Councilman Cloud noted that the tent would need to be inspected.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – 12-Month Hardship Variance Application – Set up Mobile Home on lot at 420 6th St., SW (Tax Map C14, Parcel 99) –R-1A (Single Family Residential District) – Barbara Jean Brown, Applicant. Ms. Brown's sister, Annette, was present and stated that they wished to place a mobile home on the lot next to hers so that she could care for her disabled sister. She stated that she was also caregiver to her husband, and she needed them both in close proximity to her. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

12-Month Hardship Variance – Set up Mobile Home on lot at 420 6th St., SW (Tax Map C14, Parcel 99) –R-1A (Single Family Residential District) – Barbara Jean Brown, Applicant. Council Members reviewed the minutes of the Cairo Planning Commission who recommended approval of the variance to set up the mobile home in the R-1A zone. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the variance, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Public Hearing – Renewal of 12-Month Hardship Variance Application – Camper Trailer at 507 Woodlawn Drive NE (Tax Map C26, Parcel 25) – R-1 (Single Family Residential District) – Cindy Cromer, Applicant. Ms. Cromer was present and stated that she was still caring for her mother who lived in a camper on the same lot as her house for three years. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

Renewal of 12-Month Hardship Variance – Camper Trailer at 507 Woodlawn Drive NE (Tax Map C26, Parcel 25) – R-1 (Single Family Residential District) – Cindy Cromer, Applicant. Council Members reviewed the minutes of the Cairo Planning Commission who recommended approval of the variance for the camper trailer with the stipulation that Ms. Cromer hook the camper up to City sewer within 12 months. City Manager Addleton asked Ms. Cromer if she was planning to connect to sewer, and she responded affirmatively. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the variance, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Application for Open Air Produce Market at 101 9th St., SW (Tax Map C7, Parcel 214) – C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) – E. J. Little, Applicant. Mr. Little was not present for the hearing. Ms. Oshie Williford, owner of property in the area, was present in opposition of the open air market, citing reasons for opposition as increased littering, loitering, and drug traffic. She also made reference to graffiti on the building that had been there for several months. Ms. Thelma Garrison, who also owned adjacent property, was opposed due to her belief that it would increase drug traffic. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Application for Open Air Market at 101 9th St., SW (Tax Map C7, Parcel 214) – C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) – E. J. Little, Applicant. Council Members reviewed the minutes of the Cairo Planning Commission who recommended denial of the conditional use application. After review of the information and discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to deny the variance, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

July 4, 2010 Fireworks Celebration (\$10,000). City Manager Addleton reported that the Board of County Commissioners had voted not to participate in funding part of the fireworks this year. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to not have the fireworks show in 2010, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Award Bid for Natural Gas Peak Shaving Plant Storage Tanks. Three bids were received for sale and removal of two 30,000-gallon propane tanks and two 18,000-gallon propane tanks. 1.) Pocono Propane - \$58,000, 2.) LP Gas Industrial Equipment Co., Inc. – \$56,000, and 3.) Plantation Propane - \$61,000. The bidder is responsible for depressurizing the tanks and transporting off the site within 45 days of approval to accept the bid. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the bid to Plantation Propane in the amount of \$61,000, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Finance Report – March 2010

After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ballot for District 10 GMA Officers for 2010-2011. Council reviewed the list, with Councilman Douglas to serve as President for District 10. Councilman Cloud made motion to approve

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the ballot as submitted, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- 1.) Extended an invitation to Council from GMA to attend the District Ten Listening Session to be held on May 6th from 6-8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Albany.
- 2.) Announced that Georgia DOT representatives would be at the courthouse on May 11th at 1:00 p.m. for those who wished to attend.
- 3.) Reported that a dividend check for 2.3% of the City’s ownership in the amount of \$9,214.48 had been received from David Muschamp of Georgia Public Web, Inc.

REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor VanLandingham reported that he would be meeting with two Council Members to go over the assessment of the City Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**