

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – APRIL 27, 2015

The April 27, 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, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney did not attend the meeting. 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 Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – April 13, 2015. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids, Notice of Award, and Contract Agreement for 5th Street, NW/Azalea Park Improvements (clearing, grubbing, grading, installation of 18-inch curb and gutter, storm drain piping, and asphalt paving). Bids received were as follows: **1.)** HTS Construction, Inc. - \$122,054.40; **2.)** A. C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. - \$122,342.17; **3.)** CMI, Inc. - \$119,655.25; and **4.)** Peavy & Son Construction Co. - \$157,451.50. After review and discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to accept the low bid from CMI, Inc. in the amount of \$119,655.25, enter into a contract, and authorize Mayor Burns to execute the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Proposed Electric Distributed Generation Policy Relating to Customers Desiring to Sell Electrical Energy to the City Produced by a Distributed Generation Facility. City Manager Addleton advised that the policy was developed in conjunction with recommendations from Electric Cities of Georgia and defined applicability, metering cost, payment for energy, safety, power quality, and interconnection requirements. He added that the City would only be required to purchase up to .2% of the City's annual peak demand from the previous year. The City would install the metering equipment with costs to be paid by the customer at the time of service. After further discussion, motion to approve the policy was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Proposals (for a five-year contract commencing no later than July 1, 2015). Mayor Burns reported that five proposals were received. City Manager Addleton stated that the matter had been discussed briefly in the Finance Committee meeting. The Review Committee consisting of the City Manager, Community Services Director, and the Finance Director had evaluated the proposals; and a summary spreadsheet was prepared with committee comments as well as total monthly invoice costs as follows: **1.)** Seminole Sanitation Services, Inc. - \$110,635.00; **2.)** City of Thomasville - \$85,224.97; **3.)** Taylor Waste Services, Inc. - \$69,014.95; **4.)** Advanced Disposal Services - \$71,351.35; and **5.)** Waste Pro - \$90,001.55. The top two committee recommendations, who also had the lowest costs, were Taylor Waste and Advanced Disposal. City Manager Addleton advised that costs

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submitted from both Taylor Waste and Advanced Disposal were good, and both had given informative proposals. The other three proposals were quickly discounted based on much higher annually-computed costs. He added that the committee had considered positives and negatives of both companies, but what differentiated mainly between the two was that Taylor Waste only had the City of Whigham, some roll-off services, and accounts in Grady County; and the committee questioned whether they were large enough to accommodate the City's needs long-term. Also, Advanced had offered, which was not a requirement, to buy the City's roll-out containers and dumpsters, as well as made an offer on all the trucks should the City decide to sell them all along with the newest commercial truck which would be sold. The committee had leaned toward Advanced Disposal who had customers in the area--Camilla, Pelham, Americus; and a long list over Georgia—including Sylvester, Worth County, and Perry. Councilman Douglas stated that he had looked at, independently of the committee, the proposals prior to the agenda going out and had come to the same conclusion that Advanced Disposal could provide the services at a reasonable cost; and their offer to purchase dumpsters and roll-outs made it even more lucrative in their favor. He added that while it was not a requirement in the proposal, the other companies were just going to use the City containers and replace them as needed. He felt that any proceeds received from the purchase of dumpsters and roll-outs should be placed in an account to be used for future trash truck purchases. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to authorize City Manager Addleton to enter into contract negotiations with Advanced Disposal and bring back to the Council for approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Councilman Cloud noted that no one would be losing their job, as the three employees in solid waste collection would be reassigned to other duties and would not be laid-off.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Finance Report for the Month of March 2015. Councilman Douglas advised that the report had been reviewed in the Finance Committee meeting, and it showed a reduction in water and sewer revenue as compared to the previous month. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

2.) City Manager Addleton:

- Check had been received from Ga. Public Web in the amount of \$25,002.00 for annual member distribution.
- Safe Sidewalks had started repair work earlier in the day at 5th St. & 4th Ave., SE.
- The 8th Street CDBG Project was off to a good start.
- A meeting had been scheduled on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding the Comprehensive Plan Review.
- A Video Conference was to be held on Friday at 1:30 with University of Ga. engineering students regarding the feasibility of a methane gas program at the Landfill, as well as alternative uses of the Landfill when it closes.
- Budget workshop scheduled for May 11th.

3.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Cloud asked that the property at 903 Copeland Ave., SW be put on the condemned list. He also requested that the traffic light at 4th St., SW & MLK be checked for synchronization.
- Councilman Douglas reported overgrowth around the Mausoleum at Greenwood.
- Mayor Burns expressed his thanks for the patching that had been done on South Broad.

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- Councilman Cloud expressed his appreciation for the addition of the Bounce network on CNS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: During the regular meeting on April 27, 2015 at 6:25 p.m., Councilman Douglas made motion to enter into Executive Session to meet with Attorney Lehman to discuss a pending or potential lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the City, or any officer or employee of the City, or in which the City or any officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

At 7:00 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to go out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK