

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 9, 2011

The May 9, 2011 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, Public Works Director Raymond Stokes, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – April 25, 2011. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Application for Special Event Permit at Holder Park - Youth Explosion on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Participation by Various Community Church Youth Groups – Applicant, Nancy A. Conyers. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Councilman Cloud noted that the applicant was responsible for furnishing portable toilets.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal for Holder Park Restrooms – Awarding of Project to GFA Contractors (\$22,158.00). (This item had been discussed at the previous meeting, and it had been requested that a plan be confirmed with regard to the opening and closing of the restrooms). Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the proposal as submitted. He stated that he had learned since the last meeting that the sewer line he had recommended using could not be utilized as it had been closed and re-routed making it necessary to place the bathrooms in another area. Motion was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Introduction of Annexation & Zoning Ordinances - 1760 US Highway 84 West - Tax Map 52, Parcel 31.2 - C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) – Family Worship Center, applicant. The ordinances were introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Annexation & Zoning Ordinances – U. S. Highway 84 West – Tax Map 52, p/o Parcel 31- R-PUD (Residential Planned Unit Development) - Blair Enterprises, LLC, applicant. The ordinances were introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Sewer Master Plan Update – Engineer Hal Wiedeman was present to brief the Council on a four-year corrective action plan to address sewer spills and I&I. The plan included a condition assessment, system maintenance plan, flow monitoring, continuation of smoke testing, replacement of the 7th Ave. lift station (\$600,000), and bi-annual status reports to EPA. Council asked various questions and also discussed the need to start moving on replacement of the 7th Ave., SE lift station.

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Election of GMA District 10 Officers for 2011-2012. After review, motion to approve the slate of officers was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Cancellation or Rescheduling of Regular Council Meeting on June 27, 2011 due to a conflict with the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. Council discussed and agreed to make a decision at the June 13th meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

REPORTS:

City Manager's Report:

1. Public Hearing on Budget scheduled for May 16th.
2. Final Approval of Budget scheduled for May 23rd (& introduction of the ordinance).
3. Adopt Budget Ordinance on June 13th.
4. Alan Parks Sewer Project –Easements, design, and EPA approval were received, with work to be done in-house beginning in the next couple of weeks.
5. Check received from the insurance carrier, Gallagher-Bassett, for \$149,903.00 to cover the loss for misappropriated funds at the Utility office.
6. Public Works Director Raymond Stokes will be at the next regular meeting to report on water losses.
7. Plans to look at LOST to fund Library.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

1. Mayor VanLandingham asked for a report on a recent gas line that was cut by AT&T contractors while they were laying fiber optic cable. City Manager Addleton advised that the line that had been cut was outside the located area, and the contractor had been reported to 811 (Call Before You Dig). He had learned that, since the City had no restrictions to prevent the cable from being laid on the City's right-of-way, no authorization had been required for the installation.
2. Mayor VanLandingham announced that evaluation of the City Manager would take place after the next meeting and requested that Council Members send individual reports to him by Friday before the meeting.
3. Councilman Thornton requested that the crepe myrtles be trimmed at the corner of 4th & 4th, NW.
4. Councilman Cloud asked about the status of the applicant who wished to have an ice cream truck and was advised that the person could be licensed for sales, but could not solicit door-to-door in residential areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**