

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 11, 2009

The May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Councilman James H. Douglas acting as Mayor Pro tem in the absence of Mayor Richard VanLandingham and Mayor Pro tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., who were both out of town. Council Members present were Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., 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, Human Resources Director Carolyn Meades, and Finance Director Miriam Faircloth. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted upon motion by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Mrs. Clarcia Avery, Grady County Environmental Health, was present regarding temporary food services. She informed the Council that regulation of temporary food services had been removed from Public Health several years ago, and that temporary mobile and street vendors were not always familiar with proper sanitary precautions. She stated that there was a \$25.00 fee charged for profit vendors, but no charge to non-profit functions. Adding that there were also people selling food from their vehicles with no type of inspection, she requested the Council to authorize the Board of Health to be responsible for regulating and inspecting temporary food services in the City limits. She was requested to provide handout information regarding the service, with action on the request postponed until the next regular meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Request from Vernetha Johnson to hold a Dance & Praise Team Competition at Holder Park on July 18, 2009 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) Request from LaFaye Copeland Miles (NAACP) to hold an Annual Community Wide Health Fair for Children & Adults at Holder Park on May 23, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Use of the restrooms at the center was also requested. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance to Amend Article III Entitled “Manufactured Home Parks and Travel Trailer Parks Regulations” of Chapter 22, “Zoning.” (Ordinance was introduced at the April 27th meeting and wording added to reflect that each travel trailer should be owned by its occupant, as no rental trailers would be permitted). After review, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Ordinance to Set Requirements for Minimum Insurance Coverage for Taxi Cab

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Licenses. After review, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Introduction of Ordinance to Close 15th Ave., NW extending from U. S. Highway 84 West to 7th St., NW. (Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting).

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Roy Donaldson Regarding Paving of 12th St., NE (Dirt Street). Mr. Donaldson was present stating that he had lived on 12th St., NE for ten years and could find only one other road in the City that was not paved. He added that the City did scrape it occasionally; but when it rained, traveling on the road was difficult. City Manager Addleton advised that he had asked for quotes on paving the street which had been estimated at \$15,000, with the City furnishing the labor to prepare the base. Stating that he planned to recommend \$80,000 for miscellaneous improvements in the 2009-2010 budget year, he added that this project could be funded from that money. Council discussed and agreed to add the project to next year's budget.

Resolution for the City of Cairo Proclaiming April 18th, 2009 as Grady County's Relay for Life Weekend in Cairo and Recognizing the City's Team. The City's Relay for Life Team was recognized for their participation in collecting over \$6,200, the largest amount raised by a team; and a plaque was presented, also with special recognition, to Human Resources Director Carolyn Meades.

Finance Report for March 2009. Finance Director Faircloth presented the report noting that expenses exceeded revenues, but cash flow had improved over the previous month. The delays in utility billing due to the conversion had been caught up and posting was up to date. Electric Fund revenue was down, in part due to the economy and decreased consumption by Timken. City Manager Addleton noted that the present total capital outlay budget would probably not be spent. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution for a State Revolving Fund (SRF-Federal Funds) Loan with Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) for Westside Water Plant. City Manager Addleton advised that the formal resolution was needed to apply for the stimulus loan. He had put together most of the package and would be sending it to GEFA on Friday. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage (Beer and Wine, Retail Package) License for Nakul H. Patel dba Luv & M at 1001 5th St., NE (Change of Applicant). After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Service between the City of Cairo and the City of Whigham. City Manager Addleton advised that the agreement had been reviewed by all entities, with Attorney Lehman adding that the new agreement reflected a few improved changes from the previous agreement with Grady County that he had prepared in the mid-90s. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

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Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Service between the City of Cairo and the Grady County Board of Commissioners. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Purchase of Two Replacement Vehicles for the Police Department. Two quotes were received, one from Stallings Motors for two Dodge Chargers in the amount of \$21,832.00 each, and the other from Brannen Ford for two Ford Crown Victorias in the amount of \$21,775.00 each. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the purchase from the local vendor, Stallings Motors, as the bids were so close. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Refunding of Equity Call Advances related to Vogtle Development Contract Agreement. Acting Mayor Pro tem Douglas reported that the City had originally pledged \$1M to the Vogtle Development Phase. Since there was to be no more equity calls related to this phase of the development, \$798,667.43 in equity calls, plus \$18,962.45 estimated interest earnings (11%), would be refunded to the City. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to have the funds deposited into the Short Term Flexible Trust Account, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution and Request to Submit Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the Rehabilitation of Longleaf Apartments Located at 101 13th Ave., NE on Behalf of JT Development. City Manager Addleton advised that the resolution would not obligate the City. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Election of 2009-2010 District 10 Officers for Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). After review, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to approve the proposed slate of officers, with Councilman James H. Douglas having been nominated for First Vice President. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Request for Drainage Improvements of Parker's Mill Creek on 11th Ave., NW. City Manager Addleton recommended the installation of curb and gutter, resurfacing, and Hydro-seeding on 11th Ave., NW from 12th Ave., NW to Sutton Mill Road. There had been erosion in that area, and he and Engineer Stacy Watkins believed the work would be needed to eliminate the problem. The road shoulders had already been built up, and work could be paid out of SPLOST 2008. The estimated cost to complete the project was \$54,798 (\$31,339-curb and gutter; \$21,200-resurfacing; and \$2,259-Hydro-seeding). After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to approve the drainage improvements, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Award of Bids for the Box Culvert Improvements for 6th and 7th Avenues, SE. City Manager Addleton stated that this work was part of the Stormwater Master Plan. While it was best to start at the bottom and work upward, the 6th Ave. project would be completed before the 7th Ave. work while school was out for the summer. He had bid both projects at the same time looking for a price break, with costs to be paid from 2008 SPLOST funds and the SPLOST funds that would start in July. The 6th Ave. culvert would need to be completed in 60 consecutive days, with both to be completed in 180 consecutive days. Three bids were received, with Southern Concrete Construction submitting the low bid of \$246,992.75. (M of Tallahassee, Inc. - \$283,607.50; Ed Smith Construction Co., Inc. - \$341,520.50). After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to award the

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bid to Southern Concrete Construction in the amount of \$246,992.75, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Addleton reported on:

- 1.) Update on Budget Calendar – 5/15 conclusion of preparation; 5/21 full Council Workshop at 5:00 p.m.
- 2.) GEFA loan submittal on Friday
- 3.) Community Block Grant – DRMP working on
- 4.) Plans to update Greenwood, Crestview, and Cairo Cemeteries – road resurfacing and signage
- 5.) Mayor & Council regular meeting on Thurs., May 28th
- 6.) Ga. Department of Economic Development/Ga. Power Economic Development Industry Tour to be held on Thursday, May 14th at 8:30 a.m. in Cairo.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a.) Participation in 2009 GMA Annual Convention. Motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to designate the Mayor and Mayor Pro tem as Voting Delegate and Alternate, respectively. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Door Prizes were left up to the discretion of City Manager Addleton, as well as the Parade of Flags.

b.) Request for Placement of City Limits Entrance Signs Honoring the Cairo High Syrupmakers as 2007 AAA State Runner-up Champions and 2008 AAA State Champions. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the placement of signs where others were located, or placed at the discretion of City Manager Addleton. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

c.) Request from Jonathan Salters, Cairo Reds Baseball Team, to use the Holder Park baseball field on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. for ballgames. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

REPORTS:

a.) Overtime Report – April 2009

b.) Code Enforcement Reports

c.) Cairo Police Department – March 2009

With regard to the Police Report submitted at the previous meeting, City Manager Addleton clarified that the low number of speeding citations listed on the report were only those that resulted in arrests.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Thornton requested that dirt be added to a cave-in section on 4th St., NW where maintenance work had been done.

Councilman Gwaltney asked that a street cut on South Broad and 14th Ave., SE be smoothed out.

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Councilman Gilliard requested that a tree located partially on property belonging to Ms. Sue Williams at 5th St. and 10th Ave., NW be checked for removal. She had also requested that her neighbor's yard be checked for trash.

Acting Mayor Pro tem Douglas commended Community Services Director Pat Mitchell for patching of potholes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**JAMES H. DOUGLAS
ACTING MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**