

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 13, 2013

The May 13, 2013 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. and Lannis Thornton. Councilman James H. Douglas was absent due to a death in his family, and Councilman Robert L Gwaltney was out of town. 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 Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – April 22, 2013. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Five Star Credit Union. City Manager Addleton reported that the credit union had recently purchased property between 1st Ave., NE and Highway 84 East to build a new building. The survey showed that the eastern boundary bordered a 20' wide right-of-way currently owned by the City. They were requesting that the 20' strip be abandoned in lieu of a simple utility easement. City Manager Addleton noted that the City had gas and CNS infrastructure in the area, but there were no plans to utilize the right-of-way as a road. After discussion, Councilman Gilliard made motion to abandon the 20' strip and deed it to the two adjoining property owners while retaining it as a utility easement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Attorney Lehman was to prepare the documents.

Election of District 10 Officers for 2013-14. After review, Councilman Cloud made motion to elect the officials as nominated and specifying Mr. Ed Bond as Third Vice President. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. City Manager's Report:

- The Ga. Public Web had a good year in 2012, with the City's distribution reaching almost \$25,000.
- May 21st and 22nd had been scheduled for Employee Open Enrollment and Health Screening.
- Presented a news release from Police Chief Sandefur relating to an incident that happened on May 13th.

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- Reminded Council that the May 27th meeting had been rescheduled to May 30th.

2. Reports from Mayor & Council;

Councilman Gilliard inquired about some plants that were dying in the triangle area, with City Manager Addleton responding that he was looking into the cause and also having them replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:10 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to enter into Executive Session to discuss a pending lawsuit (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

At 6:20 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to end the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton 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:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**