

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 26, 2015

The May 26, 2015 Budget Workshop was held immediately following the Regular Meeting in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street. Present were Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was not at the meeting due to being 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, and Times Enterprise Reporter, Karen Murphy, were also in attendance.

City Manager Addleton presented changes made in the proposed budget since the last workshop. Most changes were related to his recommendation to keep garbage collection in-house rather than outsourcing which had proven to be more costly after a closer look. Councilman Douglas suggested keeping it in-house for at least another year and then evaluate outsourcing both garbage and trash collection.

The full-depth reclamation of 20th Street was discussed, with a request for City Manager Addleton to contact County Administrator Tobar for a timeline on the grant he was writing for the project.

Councilman Gilliard had to leave the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to attend another meeting.

After doing more research on garbage collection, City Manager Addleton had also learned that the City's rate was low for commercial dumpsters, and he proposed an increase in the commercial dumpster rate from \$10.00 to \$11.50 per cubic yard times the number of pickups.

In closing, City Manager Addleton asked for the Mayor and Council to provide any feedback to him by June 5th.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK