

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 27, 2014

The May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. 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 Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – May 12, 2014. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Budget Workshop Meeting – May 12, 2014. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

Jackie Robinson Boys & Girls Club of Cairo. Present were Director Jeffery Brown, along with three students who were members of the club. Mr. Brown presented an informative program, detailing some of the events, programs, and activities of the club. He presented statistical data showing results achieved by the club with regard to school attendance and test scores for the participants. The three students told briefly what they liked about the club. In closing remarks, Mr. Brown thanked the City for its support.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Washington Alumni Reunion 2014 Parade Application – Saturday, August 9, 2014, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Library, proceeding down Broad Street and M. L. King, and ending at Holder Park. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the event and seconded by Councilman Cloud. Councilman Douglas inquired as to how many police officers would be required since that was information was left blank on the application. Councilman Cloud stated that he would obtain the information if the Council would go ahead and approve the request, and the motion was passed unanimously by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Water Improvements Project funded by Georgia's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). City Manager Addleton explained that the project consisted of two new deep wells, a new water treatment facility with a 500,000 gallon ground storage tank, arsenic absorption treatment system, chlorine and fluoride feed equipment, high service pumps, and a pump building (\$4,336,710). Adding that Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) had approved a \$3.62 M low interest loan and the cost of the arsenic treatment would cost approximately \$1.3M of that amount. Mr. Richard Hartsfield of 430 Maxwell Dr., SE stated that he was happy to hear about the treatment system and was delighted with the plans, as he had been concerned for months and had stopped drinking

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the water. Mrs. Aline Rundle told the Council that her husband had learned nine months ago that he had high levels of arsenic in his blood. Upon testing of her water and that of others in her neighborhood, they found that it contained high levels of arsenic. She expressed her gratitude for the treatment system and also stated that, in doing research, a group of local residents had learned that arsenic was added to water as a carrier for fluoride by water plant operators. She suggested discontinuing the fluoride additive. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget - Receive Citizen Input. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Request for a Church, Section 22-173 (b) and 22-218 (c) in a Split Zoning District of C-1A (Restricted Office-Institutional District) and C-2 (Highway Commercial District) at 2189 U.S. Hwy. 84 East – Tax Map C38, Parcel 1.3 – Vineyard Ministries, Applicant – Gene & Kaye Hill, Property Owners. There were no public comments made, and the hearing was closed.

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Public Hearing: Conditional Use Request for a Family Day Care Home, Section 22-78 (f) (g) in R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) – 68 Alton Hall Road, N.E. – Tax Map 39, Parcel 62 - Nyhema Kelly Hicks, Applicant. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Request for a Family Day Care Home, Section 22-78 (f) (g) in R- 1A (Single-Family Residential District) – 68 Alton Hall Road, N.E. – Tax Map 39, Parcel 62 – Nyhema Kelly Hicks, Applicant. Both the Cairo Planning and the SWGRC staff recommended approval of the request. After review, motion to approve the conditional use was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Gilliard. Councilman Douglas asked if the permit and license would be issued before the applicant had completed the 20 hours of training required, as she had completed only 16 hours, with City Clerk Lee responding that the training would have to be completed first. Motion passed unanimously by all Council Members to approve the conditional use.

Final Plat Review – Country Club View, LLC Located on Crine Blvd., NW – Tax Map 52, Parcel 31.1 – Chuck Thomas, Developer – Paul Roddenbery, Owner. After review, motion to approve the final plat was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution for Notice of 2014 MEAG Power Annual Election Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate. After discussion, motion to appoint City Manager Addleton as Delegate and Energy Services Director Rod Prince as Alternate Delegate was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution Authorizing Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Amended and Restated Power Sales Contracts. City Manager Addleton explained that the documents would incorporate the changes necessary to allow the completion of the Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee financing which would save \$45M annually. Rather than having to pledge all its ownership interest as collateral, MEAG would create three special purpose entities, wholly owned and managed by MEAG, and transfer a

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proportionate share of ownership interest to each, which in turn would be the borrower pledging only its ownership interest as collateral for its loan. He noted that there may be some minor modifications to the contract, but nothing substantial. Atty. Lehman pointed out that this was the only nuclear plant that had been approved in 25 years, of which the City owned 1.8%. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution for approval of contracts was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

1. City Manager Addleton's Report:

- GEFA had approved an award of \$3.6 million at 0.66 percent interest for 10 years, with \$500,000 forgiveness – funds to be used for the Airport well project.
- A check for \$17,716.45 had been received from the Cairo Housing Authority in lieu of taxes.
- Testing of the sirens was scheduled for Friday at 9:00 a.m.

2.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Cloud asked that the owner of property described as Map C35 - Parcel 54 (Ridley-801 9th Ave., NE) be notified regarding the lot needing to be cleaned.
- Councilman Douglas noted that the grass cutting was getting behind, especially on Highway 84.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK