

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – MAY 30, 2013

The May 30, 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 James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Robert L Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. City Manager Chris Addleton was absent due to the illness of a family member. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting – May 13, 2013.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor. Councilman Douglas did not vote due to having been absent from the May 13th meeting.

**Budget Workshop Meeting – May 13, 2013.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor. Councilman Douglas did not vote due to having been absent from the May 13th meeting.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

**1. Presentation of Award to Washington School Sixth-Grader, Miss Meredith Renaud, Winner of the 2013 “If I Were Mayor, I Would...” Essay Contest.** Miss Renaud and family members attended the meeting. Mayor VanLandingham congratulated Miss Renaud for winning the essay contest and complimented her on her creative ideas for improving the City. He presented her with a plaque and gift certificate.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**1. Cairo First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School – Request to Block 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW from North Broad St. to West End of Church Property from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday, June 9th through Thursday, June 13, 2013.** After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

**2. Faith Temple Church Pink Ladies Walk for Life – Breast Cancer Awareness and Fundraiser on October 5, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., beginning at Holder Park via M. L. King and Broad St. to the Courthouse and back to Holder Park. 3. Faith Temple Church Pink Ladies Walk for Life Gathering at Holder Park on October 5, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Ms. Cora Walden was present and explained that the event was being held to raise awareness for breast cancer. She was informed that Police Chief Sandefur had requested that the walk take place on the sidewalks and not in the street. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the two requests, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Ms. Dewanda Collins of New Covenant Christian Church was present and stated that she was at the meeting regarding a request to use Davis Park for a two-day revival. She stated that someone had told them that a tent would not be permitted there. It was explained to her that the irrigation system could be damaged during the erection of a tent, so it was not allowed. As it was not known if the proper

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paperwork had been submitted to the City, she was requested to go by City Hall the following morning to check on the status of the request.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2013-14 Budget.** There were no comments made by the public, so the hearing was closed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

**1. Finance Report for the Month of April, 2013.** (The Finance Committee Meeting had been cancelled, so the report was not considered for approval).

**2. City Manager’s Report.** (City Manager Addleton was not present).

**3. Reports from Mayor & Council.**

Councilman Thornton reported that a railroad crosstie was loose at the 4<sup>th</sup> St. West intersection. He also noted that the Copeland property on Smart Street that had flooded was overgrown.

Councilman Cloud noted that there were a lot of over-grown lots that needed to be checked, adding that he was in the process of making pictures of some and would present them at the next meeting.

Mayor VanLandingham advised that he was going to request City Manager Addleton to set up a joint meeting with the governing bodies now that the county had hired an administrator, with Councilman Douglas stating that he thought the JDA would coordinate that. Mayor VanLandingham also asked if the Council thought that there should be a list made of important topics to be discussed at the meeting, and if a committee might be needed to do that. Council discussed, and it was suggested to schedule the meeting in the fall to allow time for the new county administrator and school superintendent to get settled in. Also discussed was how often such meetings should be held.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None held.

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM**  
**MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE  
CITY CLERK**