

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 11, 2012

The June 11, 2012 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 James H. Douglas, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was unable to attend the meeting. 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 Cloud.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – May 29, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Final Budget Approval & Introduction of Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget at the department level in the amount of \$39,849,460, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present. The Budget Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting on June 21st.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

City Manager's Report:

a.) Referred to a recent DOT study of CSXT railroad crossings, with nine being located in Cairo. They had recommended the closure of two crossings that were not gated, located on 3rd and 6th Sts., SE. The report noted that buses were crossing the railroad on 6th St., but City Manager Addleton believed this crossing needed to stay open as it was on the east side of the Fire Department. He also recommended that the 3rd St. crossing be left open in the event that the old Harvey's property should be developed. He suggested that a letter be sent back stating that the City wanted both crossings left open, with Council Members agreeing.

b.) Reported that Director Stokes had taken measurements at Holder Park in response to an adjoining property owner's claim that a portion of a drive was on her property. Council discussed and agreed that the property should be surveyed.

c.) Four bids for the 7th Ave. Lift Station, ranging from \$777,000 to \$945,000, had been opened, with the lowest bid amount being higher than the amount that was budgeted for the project. He and Director Stokes had met with the low bidder to question some things that might be eliminated in order to stay within budget. Award of the bid would be considered at the June 21st meeting.

d.) The Self Insurance Healthcare transition was going well, with open enrollment scheduled for the next week.

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e.) A water line easement had been requested from the JDA for water improvements in the area of 20th St. to the area behind Harvey's Supermarket.

f.) Reminded Council that the next meeting would be on Thursday, June 21st.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

Councilman Cloud reported that he had received a complaint from a home owner (Bob Miller) in the northeast section that when streets were paved, driveways were not finished. City Manager Addleton said that he would check into the matter.

Councilman Cloud also asked how long property owners had after a house burned to do something with it, with Atty. Lehman responding that they had six months. He requested that contact be made with property owners where buildings had burned, especially in the Washington Heights area.

Councilman Douglas asked if the Community Services building had been started, with City Manager Addleton stating that rain had held them up, adding that he was not in a hurry due to current cash flow.

Mayor VanLandingham discussed some plans with Council for the Savannah Convention. He also requested that an Archway representative give the Council an update on its activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**