

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 13, 2011**

The June 13, 2011 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 Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor VanLandingham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – May 23, 2011.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**DELEGATIONS:** None

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Cairo First Baptist Church Request for Street Closing (6<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW at North Broad Street proceeding two blocks west to the end of the Church property) during Vacation Bible School - Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.** It was requested that the City provide the barricades that would be put in place and removed each day by the Church. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP 1833-0042) Program Award – Grantee/Sub-Grantee Agreement.** City Manager Addleton reported that a Hazard Mitigation Grant Award had been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant was to be used for acquisition and demolition of six structures in the City that were damaged more than three years earlier during Tropical Storm Fay. The total approved cost was \$104,231 with a federal share of \$78,173, a state share of \$10,423, and a local share of \$15,635. It was reported that there may be one property owner that did not wish to sell, but the funds for that property could be used on others if justified. Upon completion of acquisition of the approved properties, some other vacant lots may also be considered for acquisition by the City. After review, motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Cairo and SAR Crossroads, LLC (Roddenbery).** City Manager Addleton presented a DOT drawing of intersection improvements at U. S. Highway 84 West at SR 112 and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW which depicted the portions of 7<sup>th</sup> St., NW and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., NW that were to be abandoned as part of the realignment. The memorandum of understanding provided for those abandoned portions to be conveyed to SAR Crossroads, LLC within 30 days of project completion, with all current easements to be retained by the City. After review, motion to approve the memorandum of understanding was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Autry State Prison Inmate Detail – Agreement to Renew Contract for FY 2012.** City Manager Addleton reported that the annual contract amount of \$39,500 would remain the same for

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the upcoming fiscal year. Councilman Cloud asked if the same number of inmates would be guaranteed, with City Manager Addleton responding that Community Services Director Pat Mitchell had addressed that matter with the prison officials. After discussion, motion to approve the contract for services was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Charge-Off of Uncollectible Personal Property Tax Bills.** Bills totaling \$5,894.08, including interest, were from 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 billings, and businesses were no longer in operation. All efforts had been exhausted to collect the taxes and equipment/inventory could not be found. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the write-off, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**No. 1 Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Bids.** The three bids ranged from \$750,357 to \$979,446, with around \$500,000 budgeted for the project. Therefore, City Manager Addleton recommended rejecting all bids. He noted that the project would consist of three components: **1.)** storage tank, **2.)** SCADA and electric system, and **3.)** building to house the pumps. The bids were much higher than anticipated, and he believed the City could do the building demolition in-house which could take \$250,000 out of the equation. It was asked if the City crew would have time to do this along with other projects, with City Manager Addleton responding affirmatively. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to reject all bids, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Re-Scheduling of June 27th Regular Council Meeting to Thursday, June 30th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to reschedule the meeting to Thursday, June 30th, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of FY 2011-12 Budget Ordinance (\$38,234,725).** Ordinance was introduced at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **REPORTS:**

**Fire Department Report for the Month of May, 2011.** Report was reviewed, with attention called to a number of responses made to the same address on Hall Road.

### **City Manager's Report:**

**a.)** Announced that Mayor VanLandingham had been elected to the Electric Cities of Georgia Board and congratulated him.

**b.)** Reported that mitigation conservation easements for the County on the Greenway and LAS sites had been received and approved by Attorney Lehman and would be signed by the Mayor, per action that was taken by the Council in October, 2010.

**c.)** Reported that bids on the Davis Park Project would be opened on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### **Reports from Mayor & Council:**

Councilman Thornton asked that trees/limbs being used in place of a fence near the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> NW be removed as they were an eyesore in the area. It was discussed whether they were on the right-of-way or if the property would fall under the nuisance ordinance.

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Councilman Douglas requested a monthly update on the water loss project. City Manager Addleton stated that he had gotten the amount of water pumped and the amount sold.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Councilman Thornton at 6.25 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (6)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Present in the Session were Mayor VanLandingham; Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; and City Attorney Lehman.

Motion was made by Councilman Thornton at 7.00 p.m. to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

**Action taken as a result of the Session:** Upon completion of City Manager Addleton's evaluation, the Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for the job that he had done as City Manager. Based upon the evaluation, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to extend to City Manager Addleton a bonus which was to net out, after Social Security and Medicare taxes, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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

**APPROVED:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE  
CITY CLERK**