

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JUNE 21, 2012**

The June 21, 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., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. 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 – June 11, 2012.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**a.) Laura Brinkman - FSU Film School - Request for Road Closure and Re-routing of Traffic on North Broad Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., from 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.** Filming of a movie scene outside the Zebulon Theater had been sanctioned by FSU Film School officials and approved by the Board of Directors of the Regional Community Center, as well as Police Chief Keith Sandefur. When questioned regarding the amount of time involved and the dates, Producer Brinkman explained that two days would be needed to follow school procedure. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget Ordinance Adoption for FY 2012-2013.** (Ordinance was introduced at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting). After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adopt the ordinance with wording to be added that the budget was “approved at the department level”, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Award of Bid for 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Sewage Pump Station.** Four bids had been received, with the engineering firm of Weideman & Singleton designing the lift station and managing the bidding process: **1.)** Jim Boyd Construction - \$945,770.00; **2.)** Circle B Contracting, Inc. - \$824,985.00; **3.)** Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction, Inc. \$865,476.00, and **4.)** RTD Construction, Inc. - \$777,207.50. All four bids were higher than the \$750,000 budgeted, so City Manager Addleton and Public Works Director Raymond Stokes met with the low bidder to discuss options for cost reduction. RTD Construction evaluated the proposal and responded with an adjusted bid of \$709,377.50. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to RTD. Engineers estimated that the project would take one year to complete, but City Manager Addleton believed it would take less time. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the bid to RTD in the amount of \$709,377.50, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. The contract would be presented for approval at a future meeting.

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**Intergovernmental Agreement between Decatur County, Grady County, Decatur County Board of Education, and the Cities of Bainbridge and Cairo to Upgrade Existing Communication Equipment to become P25 Narrowbanding Compliant.** (The agreement was a result of the Federal Communications Commission mandate that required that radios transition from 25 kHz channels to 12.5 kHz channels by January 1, 2013, with no federal funds being allocated to assist with compliance). The City's cost would be \$144,910.63, with \$100,000 having been budgeted out of the Municipal Competitive Trust Credits. RCC Consulting, who had developed specifications for new equipment, had recommended Motorola equipment; and it had been discovered that the relatively new Police Department Kenwood radios would not be P25 compliant. It was suggested that they might be sold on GovDeals online auction. Councilman Cloud inquired if there would be a radio at City Hall and the Utility office, with City Manager Addleton responding that the Fire Department would manage those. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Contract with Robert & Company for Professional Service Fees for South Broad Downtown Streetscape - \$138,000.** City Manager Addleton noted that this was a standard contract and included all design fees and costs. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the contract, contingent upon review and approval by Attorney Lehman, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Reports:**

- 1.) **Archway Partnership Grady County – Presentation by Sharon Liggett.** Ms. Liggett presented information on the goals and activities of the Partnership. Mayor VanLandingham requested that an update be presented on a quarterly basis.
- 2.) **City Manager's Report:**
  - Reported that the 2012 tax digest figures had been received, and he would be presenting that information soon.
  - Community Ventures had sold the house they had built on 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW and were currently building two houses in Camilla and would then return to Cairo to work.
  - The Northwest Neighborhood Assn., per letter from Mr. Ed Gravenstein, had requested that drought-hardy plants and trees paid for by the Association be added to the landscaping at Forest Lawn Cemetery and asked that the City install the plantings. They would present a finished draft of the plan for consideration.
  - Informed Council of reservation plans that had been made for the Savannah Convention trip.
- 3.) **Reports from Mayor & Council:**
  - Councilman Cloud stated that he would talk later with City Manager Addleton regarding the cemeteries. He also noted that the awning on the front of City Hall was in need of repair.
  - Councilman Douglas commented on the painting of the "Fire Lane" and "No Parking" designations in front of the post office and asked that monitoring for compliance be continued. He also reported that there were political signs on rights-of-way that needed to be removed.

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- Mayor VanLandingham reported that the Sports Hall of Fame plaques would be moved from the Council Room to the old Post Office building on the following Monday.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**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**