

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 8, 2013

The July 8, 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., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L Gwaltney was out of town. 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 Mayor VanLandingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting – June 20, 2013. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Faith Temple Church – Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness on October 5, 2013.

Councilman Cloud reported that he had met with representatives of the group, and they had agreed to walk on the sidewalks rather than in the street as originally requested. The route and time had changed to 8:00 a.m., and they would be leaving from Holder Park, traveling along MLK to 5th St., SE, up to Burger King, down Hwy 84 to Broad Street, and back to Holder Park. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the request and to suspend the fee for use of Holder Park, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Conditional Use Request for a Home Occupation Family Day Care, Sec. 22-78 (f) in R1A (Single-Family Residential District) - 497 Baytree Rd., NE - Tax Map C35A, Parcel 40 – LaQuesha Harrell, Applicant. There were no comments made, and the hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Request for a Home Occupation Family Day Care, Sec. 22-78 (f) in R1A (Single-Family Residential District) - 497 Baytree Rd NE - Tax Map C35A, Parcel 40 - LaQuesha Harrell, Applicant. After review of the minutes of the Cairo Planning Commission who recommended approval, as well as the SWGRC, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to approve the conditional use, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Tender Hearts Preschool -Verna Grant, Owner – Request for a 4-way Stop at the Intersection of 2nd St. and 4th Ave., NW near Daycare located at 326 2nd St., NW to Slow Traffic and also a Request to Repave Street. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton to deny the requests, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Councilman Douglas pointed out that the Police could patrol the area for speeders.

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Airport Agreement between the City and Precision Aviation (Fixed Base Operator) for period August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2018. City Manager Addleton reported that the monthly lease amount would increase from \$100 to \$125. Councilman Douglas inquired if the Airport Committee had any problems with the agreement, with City Manager Addleton responding that the committee had not presented him with any other options. After review, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Drinking Water Laboratory Services Contract with Department of Natural Resources for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 (Chemical and Coliform Testing). City Manager Addleton reported that the costs for testing would be \$8,040 annually. After review, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Inmate Work Detail Agreement for FY 2013-2014. Due to Autry State Prison's unreliability as to the number of inmates and the need to have a minimum number report for work each day, City Manager Addleton had met with Warden Elijah McCoy with Decatur County Prison to request a proposal from them. He reported that this was the same institution used by Grady County who verified that the number of inmates had been consistently high, and they were pleased with their performance. The detail would consist of 12 inmates working five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. which would be an improvement over the Autry detail that had worked four days a week for six hours a day. City Manager Addleton presented an updated agreement changing the Medical Care/Treatment clause to limit the City's responsibility for treatment cost not to exceed \$1,000. Councilman Douglas inquired whether Autry had reimbursed the City for not fulfilling the terms of their agreement, with City Manager Addleton responding that it was being worked out by Community Services Director Pat Mitchell. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

Finance Report for Month of May 2013. Councilman Douglas commented on the report which had been previously reviewed by the Finance Committee. He made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

City Manager's Report:

Re-landscaping at Gateway Triangle had been completed.

Some internet speeds had been increased to be more competitive.

11th Ave. Project bids would be opened on July 9th.

Meeting was scheduled on July 9th with the engineer and contractor to review the Teresa Edwards CDBG Project.

Meeting had been scheduled with Airport consultant regarding land acquisition.

SGGSA meeting scheduled for July 12th at 8:00 in Moultrie.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

Councilman Thornton:

Reported potholes at 10th Ave. & 4th St., NW and also high grass over town.

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Councilman Cloud:

Asked City Manager Addleton to find out when the scoreboard would be installed at Holder Park.

Requested the Building Official to be at the next meeting to view pictures of lots where buildings had been torn down.

Asked that orange cones be removed from cemeteries the day after a grave is dug.

Requested that a city cell phone directory be supplied to the night man.

Requested that a call-out list for the cemetery person be posted.

Presented a list of 19 things to be completed on the Teresa Edwards project.

Reported that the ditch between Teresa Edwards and 8th St., SW needed cleaning.

Requested that a response be made to a request from Charles Barineau for cable info.

Councilman Douglas:

Reported potholes on 20th St., NE out to Highway 188.

Thanked Randy Wind for the well-written article in the Messenger on arsenic.

Mayor VanLandingham:

Expressed concern for downtown development and his desire to see lots just outside the downtown area also improved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Thornton to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. The purpose of the session was to meet with Atty. Jim Garland to discuss a pending lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the city, or any officer or employee of the city, or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Present for the session were Mayor VanLandingham, Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gilliard, and Thornton, Attorneys Lehman and Garland, City Manager Addleton, and City Clerk Lee.

At 7:10 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**