

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 11, 2011

The July 11, 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, City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee, and Building Official Brian Hayes. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – June 30, 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:**

**Blocking of Street (Intersection of Holder Ave., SW & 16<sup>th</sup> St., SW) for Cooper Family Reunion to be held July 22nd thru July 24, 2011.** Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Grady County, City of Cairo, and City of Whigham Short Term Work Program (STWP) Update as Required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.** The update outlined activities to be undertaken from 2011-2016 in the areas of housing, economic development, historic/archeological/natural resources, land use, and community facilities. City Manager Addleton pointed out that each entity would be holding its own public hearing. There were no public comments received, so the public hearing was closed.

**Resolution and Update for Grady County, City of Cairo, and City of Whigham Short Term Work Program (STWP) as Required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.** After review, motion to approve the Work Program Update and Resolution was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Resolution and Agreement for Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Application for Reimbursement (\$71,936.52 in eligible costs) – City of Cairo Landfill Costs.** After review, motion to approve the resolution and agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Priority Listing of Streets to be Submitted for Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Program (LMIG) for FY 2012 – Certificate of Ownership and Agreement.** City Manager Addleton advised that he expected no more than 1¼ to 1½ miles to be resurfaced under the program each year. Councilman Thornton requested that 8<sup>th</sup> St., NW be added to the list, with City Manager Addleton responding that it was already included in the Master Plan in Phase 2. Council discussed further, with motion made by Councilman Douglas to approve the priority list and agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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**City of Cairo Proposed (Revised) Option 2 Voting Redistricting Map.** City Manager Addleton advised that the requested changes from the last meeting affecting Districts 1 and 2 were made to the map, but the change requested for District 4 could not be made because the deviation in population would have been too great. It was decided to receive public comment at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, with advertising to occur three consecutive weeks prior to adoption of the ordinance on August 11. Attorney Lehman was to check the timeline and procedures for submitting the redistricting for approval. It was noted that the General Assembly would be in session August 15<sup>th</sup> if the plan was to be submitted to them. It would be necessary for the plan to be pre-cleared by the Justice Department prior to qualifying which would begin on August 29<sup>th</sup> to use the new district lines for the election in November. If not pre-cleared by that date, the old district lines would still be in effect for the 2011 election. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve Option 2 as revised, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **REPORTS:**

**Inspection of Old Post Office Building by Building Official Brian Hayes.** Official Hayes reported that the building was structurally sound. The basement had some past water seepage on the walls, but with the exterior plants having been removed, and with addition of concrete from the sidewalk to the building, the water problem could be solved. Possible lead paint on the walls could be sealed over, and there was one small spot on a pipe that might be asbestos. There was some leniency in requirements for a historic building such as this one. Government-owned buildings were required to be handicap-accessible, but privately-owned were not as long as the occupancy class did not change. If it remained as a business use, no change in the occupancy classification would occur. There would be room for a ramp on the north side of the building for basement access. In closing, he added that the building was good and structurally sound.

Official Hayes also reported that two nuisance abatement cases were scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> court, Chiquita Williams who not yet turned in engineered plans, and also the Sharon Sams case.

**Finance Report for Month of May 2011.** Councilman Douglas noted that the report showed a little shortage in revenue, but he hoped that it would be balanced out on the expense side. He made motion to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**City Manager's Report:** 1.) City Manager Addleton advised that a water loss report would be presented at July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. 2.) An employee health screen would be conducted on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 3.) He would be attending a SPLOST Training in Ashburn on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mayor VanLandingham reported that he would be attending his first meeting as a board member of the Electric Cities of Georgia.

Councilman Cloud invited the Council to an open house on the following Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the new location of his funeral home business on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE.

Councilman Douglas requested that grass cutting, especially on vacant lots, be kept under control and that parking in the no-parking zone at the post office be enforced.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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At 6:30 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to enter into Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members. At 6:50 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to end the executive session, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Action taken as a result of the session.** Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the terms of sale from CBRE (CB Richard Ellis) to purchase the property at 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, commonly known as the Bank of America building, for a purchase price of \$150,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and unanimously approved by all Council Members. (Proposal Agreement being made a part of these minutes).

**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**