

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 12, 2010

The July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton and Council Members James H. Douglas and Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. Councilmen Robert L. Gwaltney and Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. were unable to attend the meeting. City Manager Chris Addleton was also out of town representing the City at a meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Public Works Director Raymond Stokes, Public Works Supt. Darin Todd, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 29, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, entitled “Traffic,” of the Code of Ordinances – Speed Zone. The Ga. Department of Transportation (DOT) had updated their records to reflect the extension of the city limits line on Highway 111 South from 308 feet south of Westbrooks Street to 300 feet south of Wight Road. The ordinance would reflect the change in the City’s Code. (The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the July 26th meeting).

Proposed Cell Phone Tower – Mr. Tom Phillips of Towercom III, LLC presented his proposal for a cell tower to be located at the City’s LAS site. He was seeking approval of an Option and Ground Lease Agreement for the proposed location of a cell tower on one of two possible sites on Wight Road. Site 1 was the preferred site but was located on the former Higdon tract owned by the Joint Development Authority. City Manager Addleton was planning to request that the JDA deed back to the City part of that tract which included Site 1 (approximately 21 acres as outlined on a sketch presented), so that access to the City’s lift station could be maintained. The second site was located outside the City limits. Mr. Phillips stated that the first site would work, but the second site would depend on the engineering study. The tower would be 300 feet tall and construction would take around six months. The tower compound would occupy a 100’ by 100’ area, with a 30’ easement for ingress-egress and utilities, as well as approximate 40’ easements for the three guy wires. The triangular shaped site would consist of a three-to-four acre area. The lease option consisted of three years, with \$600 the first year and \$700 for the second and third years. The lease term was for five years at \$500 per month with rights to extend for five additional 5-year renewals, with an escalation rate of 15% at renewal. Mayor VanLandingham informed Mr. Phillips that the Council would try to make a decision by the next meeting which would also give Attorney Lehman time to look into legislation regarding leases by governmental entities.

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Gateway Grant Award (\$19,550) – Right-of-Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Cairo and GDOT. After review, motion to approve the maintenance agreement was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

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Purchase of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System – Water Monitoring and Control System. An evaluation team consisting of City Manager Addleton, Public Works Director Raymond Stokes, and Public Works Supt. Darin Todd had visited sites and looked at various systems to replace the City’s System that had been destroyed by lightning. Quotes had been received from three SCADA providers: **1.)** MR Systems, Inc - \$38,382, **2.)** Data Flow Systems - \$56,814, and **3.)** J. K. Duren Company, Inc. - \$38,500. Director Stokes and Supt. Todd presented a memo from Engineer Stacy Watkins who had also reviewed the quotes. The reviewing team, as well as Mr. Watkins, had recommended that the SCADA System be purchased from MR Systems, Inc. for the lowest price quoted (\$38,382). In addition to the lower cost, the company was recommended for their non-proprietary equipment that could be purchased from other vendors and their software, in addition to their experience in utilizing the City’s fiber optic cable. Installation of the system would take four to six weeks. Council Members discussed and requested that the warranty period be verified with the provider. After discussion, motion to approve the purchase as recommended was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution to Nominate Director to Georgia Public Web. Upon request of Mayor VanLandingham, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve a Resolution nominating City Manager Addleton as Director to Georgia Public Web. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: None

REPORTS: None

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mayor VanLandingham announced the recent hiring of Jim T. Fielding as the City’s new Fire Chief effective Monday, July 19, 2010. He requested that Mr. Fielding attend the next Council meeting on July 26th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**