

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 13, 2009

The July 13, 2009 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Member in attendance was City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas Lehman, and Councilman Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. were out of town. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.) June 18, 2009 Special Called Meeting. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

2.) June 25, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

1.) Mildred Strickland. Mrs. Strickland expressed her concerns regarding trucks using 12th Ave., NW as a thoroughfare between Highway 84 and North Broad Street at all hours disrupting the peacefulness of the neighborhood and damaging the street. She requested that this portion of 12th Ave., NW be designated a “no truck” zone. She noted that Florida Rock could use their entrance on Highway 93 for access to their business. Council discussed the traffic and commercial zoning of the area, with Councilman Cloud making motion to postpone action until City Manager Addleton and Police Chief Sandefur could talk to property owners along the strip and investigate the truck traffic and report back to the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) Mrs. Faye Pitman. Mrs. Pitman was present to discuss her ongoing flooding issues at her business on 1st Ave., NE., presenting the Council with an engineering report and photos of drainage pipes and ditches. She thanked the Council for having the drainage ditch cleaned, but reported that afterward she had mud as well as water in her building and had moved all her files off site. Mayor VanLandingham advised that the City was having an engineering study prepared for stormwater management, but explained that any option to remedy her situation would require a major change and would be more costly than the property was worth. Councilman Douglas stated that it would probably be several years before the City would have the funds to do anything. She stated that she would be willing to sell her property to the City. Mayor VanLandingham stated that he would follow up on the matter and get back with her.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Lynley Knight, Cairo First Baptist Church -Vacation Bible School – Request to Block 6th Ave., NW from North Broad Street proceeding west to the end of the Church Property (approximately 2 blocks) – Sunday, July 12th through Thursday, July 16th from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each evening. After review, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

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2.) Mary Neal & Robert Bryant – Request to Block Copeland Ave., SW between 10th and 11th Streets, SW for a Wedding and Family Reunion on July 17th and 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. each night. After review, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consider Extending the Moratorium on Applications for Personal Care Homes. (At the previous meeting, Council had requested that a proposed ordinance be prepared to remove “personal care home” as a conditional use from the single-family residential zones. A period of time would be required for public hearing dates to be set and advertised). After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to extend the moratorium for an additional 45 days, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Alcoholic Beverage Application for Albert Rocuant - Beer and Wine, Retail Consumption on Premises at 126 South Broad Street. After discussion, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Alcoholic Beverage Application for George L. Sandefur d/b/a Breakers Pub - Beer, Retail Consumption on Premises at 1171 B North Broad Street. After discussion, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Contract between the City of Cairo and Folsom Construction Company for Tree Clearing at the Airport (\$78,784.00). After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Consider Proposed Amendment to Task Order No. 3 from D. A. Jones Engineering, LLC for services provided during the Tree Clearing Construction Phase at the Airport. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: None

REPORTS:

a. Cairo Code Enforcement Reports - June 2009 & Year-to-Date.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Thornton requested that mowing be done in the Hotbed area and asked if the inmates were still working. He also requested that the road be repaired at 4th & 4th NW.

Councilman Cloud announced that he was still undecided if he would seek re-election to his Council seat. He added that there had been a rumor that he would run for Mayor, but that was not true.

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Councilman Douglas asked that potholes on 20th St. Ext. be repaired and also that consideration be given before school starts to make the area at the curve into a dead end stop and stop signs be installed. Mayor VanLandingham asked about the SPLOST funding for the 20th St. road work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK