

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 23, 2012

The July 23, 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 Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. was unable to attend the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – July 9, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

Mr. John Marria - Cairo Housing Authority. Mr. Marria updated the Mayor and Council on Housing Authority statistics which included 422 residents, with an average age of 27, residing in 185 apartments over four locations, with an average rental fee of \$114.00. He also reported on various activities and events, including a Land Bank Authority Meeting to be held on August 1st. In closing, he presented a check to the City in the amount of \$18,209.36 in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Citizen Input on City of Cairo - 6th Avenue Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit No: 065-002D (SL) Revised Assessment of Corrective Measures/Presentation - TTL, James Smith and Keith Reaves. Mr. Smith presented information on power point (to be attached to these minutes) outlining corrective measures that had already been taken and those planned for the future. Of the engineering controls considered for remedial action, the Full-Site Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) System had been the one recommended. With regard to the sale of methane gas, Mr. Reaves stated that he could not say at the present time if it would be profitable for the City. City Manager Addleton added that there would be potential reimbursement from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License: Consumption on Premises – Beer & Wine (Lounge) – 201-B 4th St. NW - Applicant, Adriano Tyree Gonzalez. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

City of Cairo Updated Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Plan 2012 - Cairo-Grady County Airport. City Manager Addleton noted that the plan was associated with future development projects at the Airport, and was required in order to receive Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT). An overall DBE goal of 11.9 percent had been determined for Federal Aviation Administration contracts, and plan updates included the addition of the Small Business Component and a revision of the DBE Goal Determination to a 3-year goal. After

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review, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the plan and authorize City Manager Addleton, the DBE Liaison Officer, to sign the Policy Statement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Set the Proposed 2012 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate and Advertise the Five (5) Year History. City Manager Addleton reported that an 8.21 millage rate had been proposed and would generate \$1,404,476, a decrease of \$6,511 from 2011. After review of the 5-year history, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the proposed rate, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present. (The 5-year tax digest history and levy will be advertised in the Cairo Messenger, along with the date of August 13, 2012 to set the final millage rate).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) City Manager Addleton:

- The brickwork for the new sign at the cemeteries on Highway 84 East had been installed and lettering was to be chosen for the sign.
- The test well at the Airport had been dug to 500 feet, and having hit good limestone and quantity, water would now be pumped to obtain samples for testing the quality.
- Had attended a recent MEAG meeting and reported on election results.
- Reported on the power outage last Tuesday. MEAG engineers' plans for expansion of transmission lines in 2013 had been received and reviewed, with Cairo's project being given top priority out of three projects. Had these lines been in place during recent outages, power would not have been lost.
- The public had been invited to attend a CNS-sponsored viewing of a live feed of Teresa Edwards in the opening ceremony at the Olympics on Friday, July 27th, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the CHS gymnasium.

2.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

Mayor VanLandingham:

- Expressed the need to review and/or enforce ordinances to improve the overall appearances in areas of the City. He requested that Building Official Brian Hayes present a nuisance abatement update at the next meeting.
- Reported that the NW Neighborhood Assn. was working on a landscape plan for Forest Lawn Cemetery, and that plantings should be limited to easily-maintainable trees and plants along the road, rather than on the interior.

Councilman Gilliard:

- Reported that some lots where structures have been torn down have become overgrown with vegetation.
- Reported that he had received an email from Nola Daughtry of the Boys and Girls Club thanking CNS and Celeste Tyler for sponsoring the Olympic Opening Ceremony event.
- Noted that there was graffiti (gang symbols) on the west wall of a laundry building on Highway 84 East across from Hud's. Council Members agreed that the owner should be contacted to see if he would remove the graffiti.

Councilman Thornton:

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- Noted that the lot at the southwest corner of 4th St. and 4th Ave., NW, where a building was taken down, had a large pile of dirt on it that had become overgrown with weeds.

Executive Session: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**