

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – JULY 25, 2016

The July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. Present were Mayor Pro Tem James H. Douglas, Council Members Jerry L. Cox and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was out of town, and Councilman Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Editor Randy Wind of the Cairo Messenger was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by City Manager Addleton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – July 11, 2016. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cox, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Award of Bid and Contract Agreement for Purchase of WWTP Bar Screen. City Manager Addleton explained that the bar screen removed trash and debris coming into the plant so that it did not impact other treatment process functions, but the current one was old and no longer effective during high flow rates of wastewater, causing filter pump failure. Two bids had been received: **1.)** Popco Construction of Sylvester, Ga. - \$254,800.00 and **2.)** Schmidt Environmental of Auburn, Al. - \$221,000.00; and the engineer had recommended awarding the low bid. Councilman Douglas asked Atty. Lehman if he had reviewed the contract, and Councilman Cox asked about the cost of the filter pump. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the low bid of \$221,000 to Schmidt Environmental and enter into the agreement, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved by all Council Members present. Councilman Cox confirmed some contract items to be managed by the engineer including start date and retainage.

Councilman Cloud joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Alcoholic Beverage Application, Change of Ownership – Dixitkumar Patel dba One Convenience Stop #7 – Beer & Wine, Retail Package – 101 4th Street, SW – Dixitkumar Patel, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cox, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

Award of bid for Purchase of Tractor and Mower for Landfill. Three bids were received: **1.)** Ag-Pro of Cairo - \$51,082.44, **2.)** Ag-Pro of Boston - \$45,575.00, and **3.)** South Ga Tractor - \$31,878.00. Council discussed the differences in the equipment represented in the bids, with City Manager Addleton advising that he thought the bidders came as close as possible to the

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specs with what they had available. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cox to purchase the Kubota from South Ga. Tractor for \$31,878.00, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

FY2017 Airport Project - Tentative Allocation of Federal Funding and Confirmation Letter. City Manager Addleton advised that a tentative Federal allocation of \$86,400.00, along with a 5% match (\$4,800) each by the State and the City, would be used to fund Design of Partial Parallel Taxiway, T-Hanger Taxiway, and Apron for an 8-Unit Hangar Building. After discussion, motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the confirmation letter was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Departmental Reports for June, 2016. Reports were reviewed by Council, with Councilman Cox suggesting that department heads alternate attending a meeting once a month. Councilman Douglas requested to know the difference between “Public Service” and “Medical Assist” on the Fire Department Report. He also asked about the Water/Sewer Report that had been submitted in previous months, with City Manager Addleton to update that.

2.) City Manager Addleton’s Report:

- Reported on a presentation that he had given at the Library regarding the Airport Water Plant.
- DOT letter had been received with the LMIG funding - \$140,970.81.
- Tax Millage to be set at the next meeting.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cox asked questions regarding the Streetscape timeline.
- Councilman Cloud reported another water leak at 1st Ave., NE and 3rd St., NE. He pointed out the need for a new dirt pile location that was dry at the cemeteries on Hwy. 84 and also to have Section B at Forest Lawn marked off. He also reported on flooding of a yard (McBride) on 8th St., SW.
- Councilman Douglas reported that the R/W at Mr. Hammett’s on 20th St. was worse, and some refrigerators with doors had been dumped in the area below the railroad. He also requested that a letter be sent to the Auditors that the audit would be expected by the first meeting in December to prevent any delays.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Councilman Douglas made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cox, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR