

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 8, 2011

The August 8, 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 Fire Chief Jim Fielding. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, and Photographer, Darrell Mudra, were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – July 25, 2011. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

a.) Swearing in of New Fire Department Officers and New Firefighter. Fire Department employees, along with family members and friends, were present for the installation ceremony as follows: Training Captain, William Schafer; Lieutenant, Cole Prince; Engineer, Dusty Sheffield; and New Firefighter, Cody Posey.

b.) Community Ventures Update – Ms. Barbara Hilliard, Mike Tabb, and Ms. Diane Watson were present. The group reported that the house at 617 4th St., NW had been completed and was now for sale (\$136,000). They presented pictures of the unit and expressed their appreciation for the pleasant experience they had working with various city departments during the property abatement and rebuilding processes, especially recognizing Vicky Redden, Secretary, in the Building Department. Reporting that they had used as many local subcontractors as possible, they stated that they had also acquired four other building lots in Cairo and hoped to sell this house so they could start another. An open house was planned for August 12th and 19th, and applications would be taken. Financial assistance would be provided to an eligible buyer whose annual gross income did not exceed \$71,000.

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance to Establish the Election Districts of Members of the City of Cairo Council. Ordinance was introduced on July 25th based on the redistricting plan (Option B) as previously approved (effective January 1, 2012). After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney. Councilman Cloud requested that one correction be made in the description of District Two by deleting the word “Drive” in reference to Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. The motion, amended to include the correction, was unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution for Acceptance of Local Public Road for New Portion of 17th Ave., NW - Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Highway 112 and 17th Ave., NW - Realignment Project CSNHS-0000-00(535). After review of the realignment plan and resolution, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to approve the acceptance resolution, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

a.) Cairo Fire Department Reports

- 1.) Fire and EMS combined List – July, 2011
- 2.) Incident Type Period Comparison – July

b.) Report from City Manager:

- 1.) Bids advertised for 20th Street Resurfacing Project and award expected to be made at the first meeting in September.
- 2.) Water loss for July down by 7.5%, with recent measures to curb water loss having a significant impact over the previous 25% to 30% losses.

c.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- 1.) Councilman Cloud requested that video cameras be installed at the utility warehouse.
- 2.) Councilman Douglas asked that overgrowth on north side of Highway 84 East near the bridge be checked to see who is responsible for mowing.
- 3.) Mayor VanLandingham asked that the retirement program be looked at with regard to stock market effects. He also reported that two public hearings would be held, one in Camilla on 9/12 and the other in Bainbridge on 9/13, with regard to the GDOT SPLOST Bill passed last year for the 14 counties in this district. Final vote on the project list is scheduled for October 31, 2011 by the Transportation SPLOST Committee.

Executive Session: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**