

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 9, 2010

The August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the new Council Chambers located at 101-B N. Broad Street, in the recently renovated former Roddenberry Hardware Building, with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Earnest Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Kermit Gilliard, Jr. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney joined the meeting at approximately 6:10 p.m. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Building Official Brian Hayes, Energy Services Director Rod Prince, and Asst. City Clerk Sandra Pearce. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind and Reporter Darrell Mudra were also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Pastor Johnny Moore of Family Worship Center, who also blessed the new Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – July 26, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

1.) County Attorney Kevin Cauley, along with Mr. Kent Campbell of Eco-South, Inc. were present to ask for consideration from the city in moving forward with the Tired Creek reservoir mitigation plan. Mr. Campbell gave background information on the project and mentioned that there had been approval for eight sites; two of those eight sites were located in and owned by the City, with one being located at the Greenway Site and the other being located at the city's LAS property. The County is in need of the flood plain portion from both properties (200 foot buffer) and is asking for approximately 43 acres from the Greenway site and approximately 73 acres from the LAS property. Councilman Douglas asked what the county intended to pay the city for the property, with County Atty. Cauley stating that the County hoped the City would donate the land. Cauley added that private property needed for the mitigation process would be purchased by the County. City Manager Addleton stated that there was a portion of the LAS site that was not considered wetland and could still be used by the City for industry, etc. After further discussion, it was decided that the City would follow up on the County's request in September.

2.) Mr. Brian Marlowe, Chamber/JDA Director, wanted to thank the city for its support on behalf of the community. Mr. Marlowe will be resigning his position in Cairo to take a job in Tifton, but expressed his desire to continue to work together to benefit the entire South Georgia area. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Marlowe for the work he had done in Cairo and wished him the best at his new job.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Application for Special Event: Isaac/Corker, Applicant – Community Block Party to Close One Block on 16th Street SW – Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the application for the block party. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Application for Alcoholic Beverage License – Beer & Wine Retail Package – Cornelius L. Matheny, Applicant – Walgreens # 11107 – 501 US Hwy. 84 East – Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed by all Council Members.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License – Beer & Wine Retail Package Swamijee 1001 Inc./Aradhana Shah, Applicant – Hud's # 1 – 375 5th Street NE - Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed by all Council Members.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License – Beer Retail Package – Silver Dime Inc./Hemant Patel, Applicant – L&M Food Mart – 1001 5th Street NE – Motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed by all Council Members.

Approval of Water Plant Improvements Contract Agreement between Watkins & Associates, LLC and the City of Cairo - Attorney Lehman had reviewed the contract and found it to be acceptable. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the contract, seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed by all Council Members.

Street Resurfacing Master Plan (2008 SPLOST funds to be used) – City Manager Addleton presented the three phase proposal, which he estimated would take three years. The list had been divided up and represented the streets that were most in need of resurfacing, but it was discussed that changes to the list could be made at any time. Addleton commented that the project was scheduled to begin in the spring, but could possibly be started as early as Fall 2010. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the street resurfacing master plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed by all Council Members.

Finance Report for the Month of May, 2010 (Revised) - Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed by all Council Members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1.) City Manager Addleton announced that he would be on the search committee to find a new Chamber/JDA Director.
- 2.) An open house for the new Council Chambers has been scheduled for September 12th, to be held in conjunction with the Historical Society open house.
- 3.) 20th Street NE is to be partially open to traffic on August 13th.
- 4.) Public Works is scheduled to replace all sewer lines on Oliver Lane and then tie the storm water drain to the storm water system. Once this is completed the sidewalk should be installed.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL.

Mayor VanLandingham announced that he will be meeting with the Grady County Commissioners at their next meeting to discuss the working relationship between the City and the County. He expressed his desire to see the City and County work together as much as possible.

Councilman Cloud asked about the status of the abatement process on the homes located on 6th Street SW, as well as the one located at 196 MLK Jr. Ave. Building Official Hayes stated

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that he was unsure what court would need to handle this procedure, and it was decided that he would meet with the City Manager and City Attorney to get the issue resolved.

Councilman Douglas inquired about the time frame allowed for clean up for property owners that have lawn overgrowth, with Building Official Hayes explaining that home owners are typically given 15 days to remedy the problem after the complaint is received. Attorney Lehman stated that he felt the time frame was sufficient and that the city can clean up the property and charge the owner if they fail to meet the 15-day time frame.

Attorney Lehman stated that he had received a complaint from an alarm company in regard to the City ordinance that restricts door to door solicitation in residential areas. He asked for the Council's opinion on whether or not the ordinance should be redrafted to allow solicitation in residential areas. The Council agreed that the ordinance should remain as it is, and complaints from businesses would be addressed as the need arises.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**SANDRA PEARCE
ASST. CITY CLERK**