

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – AUGUST 26, 2013

The August 26, 2013 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. Others present were Mayor Pro Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, and Building Official Brian Hayes. City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman was out of town. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Douglas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – August 12, 2013. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Rezoning Request from C-1A (Restricted Office – Institutional District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District) – Corner of 8th Avenue N.E. and Bell Alley - Tax Map C21, Parcel 73.1 - Richard McFatter, Applicant and Owner, Redlands Investments of Southwest Ga., LLC. Proposed Use - Barber Shop. (Item Postponed from August 12th Meeting). (A public hearing was held at the August 12th meeting. The SWGRC staff had recommended approval, but the Planning Commission recommended denial of rezoning to C-2; but approved conditional use for the barber shop in the C-1A zone. Attorney Lehman had submitted to the Council his opinion that a game room would not be permitted in C-1A. It was permitted in C-2, but internet gaming would also be subject to the requirements of Georgia Law). Mr. McFatter had been requested to attend the meeting but was not present. Council discussed the conditional use and rezoning and reviewed the site plan that had been submitted. Building Official Hayes noted that the applicant wanted to use gravel rather than pave the parking lot. He added that the ordinance called for an impervious material, and the use of gravel would have to be approved by the Council. In any event, the handicap parking and loading/unloading would have to be paved. Council had concerns with drainage from the lot, noting that gravel could also run off and clog drains unless something was in place to prevent it. After discussion, motion to approve the conditional use for a barber shop in C-1A was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. No action was taken on the use of gravel.

Proposed Banner Permit Request Form. (Item Postponed from August 12th Meeting). Council Members had requested an actual cost for installing and removing a banner and Energy Services Director Rod Prince had calculated that to be \$132.76 which included \$82.76 for labor and \$50.00 for equipment. After discussion, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the request form with a fee of \$100 to be charged to install and take down a banner. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Article 1, Entitled “In General” of Chapter 20, Captioned “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo, Georgia; to Promote Safety and the Orderly Flow of Traffic; To Designate a Street as One-Way During Certain Hours. (To make 10th Ave. NW one-way from 4th St. NW to Highway 84, west to east, on school days – 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). The ordinance was introduced at the August 12th meeting. Councilman Gilliard temporarily left the dais and abstained from voting and discussion due to his affiliation with the School Board. After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved by a 4-0 vote by Council Members. It was noted that Police Officers would need to monitor the area, not to issue tickets, but to direct traffic.

Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Article I, Entitled “In General” of Chapter 20 Captioned “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cairo, Georgia, so as to Alter a Designated through Street, Teresa Edwards, from 1st Ave., SW to Adams Ave., SW and from Adams Ave., SW to 4th Ave., SW. (To make a three-way stop at the intersection of Teresa Edwards St. and Adams Ave., SW). The ordinance was introduced at the August 12th meeting. During review, it was pointed out that the wording “1st Ave., SW” should be “M. L. King, Jr. Ave.”. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adopt the ordinance with the change in wording, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Downtown Cairo Main Street Start-Up Program – 2013 Application through the Department of Community Affairs. City Manager Addleton noted that the application would need to be submitted by August 30th. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to submit the application, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

Resolution for Submittal of the Downtown Cairo Main Street Start-Up Program Application. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Finance Report for the Month of July 2013. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members

2.) City Manager:

- Reported that the 7th Avenue lift station was operational and running well.
- Reminded Council of the reception for Judith Pinon on Tuesday - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Announced that Shana Taylor was training for the Administrative Asst. position.

3.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Thornton reported that the crepe myrtles needed trimming at 4th St. and 4th Ave., NW.
- Mayor VanLandingham announced that he would be making a final decision on whether to seek reelection, but was not planning to unless some issue came up that changed his mind.

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Ms. Sharon Liggett with the UGA Archway Partnership presented a flyer on the Leadership Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:20 p.m., Councilman Gilliard made motion to enter into executive session to meet with Attorney Jim Garland to discuss a pending lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the city. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Present for the session were Attorney Jim Garland; Mayor VanLandingham; Mayor Pro Tem Cloud; Council Members Douglas, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; and City Clerk Lee.

At 7:05 p.m. motion was made by Councilman Douglas to end the session, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**