

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The September 10, 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. was out of town and did not attend. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, and City Clerk Carolyn Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor VanLandingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – August 27, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Cairo High School Homecoming Parade Scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. City Manager Addleton's Report:

The pre-construction meeting for the Landfill Soil Vapor Extraction project was held the previous week with three bidders attending, with attendance being a pre-requisite to submitting bids which would be opened on September 26th.

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, with the new airport consultant (Croy Engineering) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) aviation representative.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) will be in Cairo on September 19th to visit the new Fire Training Facility and to audit other areas.

2. Reports from Mayor & Council:

Mayor VanLandingham referred to a proposed ordinance handed out that intended to strengthen the City's current "disorderly conduct" regulations with regard to public indecency, including the issue of "baggy pants". The proposed ordinance would be discussed with Police Chief Sandefur at the next meeting, and Council Members were requested to review it and bring back their suggestions.

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He also reported that he and City Manager Addleton had met with JDA Director Chadd Mathis earlier in the day regarding ideas on how to improve retail business in the downtown area, as well as beyond those boundaries. Also discussed was how to improve run-down or vacant commercial properties.

Councilman Thornton noted that grass was very high in some areas of town due to so much rain. He also asked that a leaking water meter be repaired at 840 9th St., NW.

Councilman Gwaltney stated that he had received a complaint about the grass at Cairo Cemetery, with Councilman Douglas asking if the City was now getting the agreed-upon number of inmates.

Councilman Cloud asked that wet areas at 4th Ave. and 2nd St., NW, as well as at 248 8th St., SW, be checked for water leaks.

He also reported that Section F of Crestview Cemetery was being used as a dirt pile, and should not be used for such, as there was a designated area in which to pile dirt.

He also noted that there was a pile of dirt left by the road in the Cairo Cemetery.

He inquired as to whether the property owner on 8th St., SW had obtained a demolition permit, adding that the high grass there needed to be cut.

Councilman Douglas requested that the Mayor send a letter on behalf of the Council to the professors of the Archway interns recognizing the students for their excellent work and presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**