

## **REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The September 12, 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, and City Clerk Carolyn B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor, Randy Wind, was also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – August 22, 2011.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

Mrs. June Knight and Ms. April Starr were present to encourage the Council to call for a referendum for voters to decide whether to allow Sunday alcohol sales. Mrs. Knight referred to legislation passed in April giving voters in local jurisdictions the opportunity to vote on Sunday alcohol sales. She stated that, if adjoining counties pass a referendum, tax dollars will go to them. She also suggested that the Council consider updating the current alcohol ordinance. Mayor VanLandingham stated that there would not be a City election held in November due to only the incumbents qualifying for re-election. If a referendum was called for, it was not known if there would be sufficient time to plan for an election in November. Council also discussed the cost that would be incurred for holding a special election.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Article II Entitled “Speed” of Chapter 20, Entitled “Traffic” of the Cairo Code of Ordinances.** The ordinance was proposed at the request of the Department of Transportation in order to update the list of roads in the City’s traffic ordinance to include the recently annexed area of Highway 84 West. The ordinance was introduced at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Entitled “Occupational Taxes and Regulations, (Sweepstakes Parlors, Internet Cafes, and Similar Establishments) of the Cairo Code of Ordinances.** The ordinance was proposed to regulate the location and operation of these type businesses in order to minimize or regulate potential negative secondary effects on the community. The ordinance had been introduced at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Approval of 2011 Millage Rate and Introduction of Tax Ordinance.** After review, motion to set the net millage rate at 8.08 mills was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. The 2011 tax ordinance setting the gross mills at 13.80, sales tax credit of 5.72 mills, and 8.08 net mills was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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### **Awarding of Bid on City of Cairo Surplus Real Property located at 685 15<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.**

There was only one bid submitted, and it was from Mr. Jerome Mollins in the amount of \$500.00. After review, motion to accept the \$500.00 bid was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Purchase of Gas Service Truck Chassis and Service Body to Replace the Current 2000 Ford F-350 with 122,077 Miles for the Energy Services Gas Department.** Four quotes were requested, with two dealers responding with bids as follows: The Hardy Fleet Group at \$39,553, and the low quote from Brannen Ford at \$39,549. After review, motion to accept the low bid from Brannen Ford was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Application Selection Funding (\$700,000) for Project No. 0010602 between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Cairo - Streetscape Project.** City Manager Addleton reported that this was the start of the streetscape project, and he anticipated that it would be a year before it would actually begin. Engineering costs had been included in the 2012 budget. After discussion, motion to approve the MOU was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Award of Bid and Approval of Contract Agreement for 20<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. – Street & Drainage Improvements (Project No. W0301-041-01).** Five bids were received as follows: Reeves Construction - \$1,034,598.80; Hatcher Tractor Service - \$824,930.36; Oxford Construction - \$788,732.50; Jim Boyd Construction - \$778,270.30; and low bidder, Scruggs Company - \$768,963.49. City Manager Addleton reported that the bid also included approximately \$75,000 for resurfacing the streets in Greenwood and Crestview Cemeteries which would be paid out of the Cemeteries and Parks budget, with the balance coming from SPLOST funds. Councilman Cloud asked if there were any plans to upgrade the water lines in the cemeteries before paving, with City Manager Addleton to check on the upgrade. After review, motion to award the low bid to Scruggs Company and approve the contract was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Award of Bid and Approval of Contract for FY11 Street Resurfacing (Project No. W0301-043-01) Part of Phase I Street Resurfacing Master Plan.** Three bids were received as follows: Reeves Construction Co. - \$793,093.00; Scruggs Company - \$678,839.43; and the low bidder, Oxford Construction - \$648,805.30. After discussion, motion to award the low bid to Oxford Construction and approve the contract was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Proposed 2012 SPLOST (Effective April of 2014) Intergovernmental Agreement for Use and Distribution of Proceeds – (Grady County – 59.7%, City of Cairo – 38.4%, and City of Whigham – 1.9%).** The total projected estimate for the 6-year period was \$18,000,000, with the City's share at \$6,912,000. City Manager Addleton presented a list of proposed projects to be funded from SPLOST as follows: Streets, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, and Drainage - \$2,162,000; Drinking Water Capital Improvements – \$1,000,000; Waste Water Treatment Capital Improvements - \$750,000; Public Safety Equipment – \$1,000,000; Public Works Equipment - \$500,000; Landfill Transfer Station – \$750,000; and Payment of Previously Incurred Debt - \$750,000. Council discussed and requested that the amount for the Landfill Transfer Station be eliminated and that \$250,000 be added to each of three other items: Streets, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, and Drainage – to total \$2,412,000; Public Safety Equipment – to total \$1,250,000; and Payment of Previously Incurred Debt – to total \$1,000,000. After discussion, motion to approve the Agreement with the amended

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Project List was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**Resolution by the City of Cairo to Approve and Authorize Execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Grady County & Municipalities Concerning the One Percent County SPLOST for the Purposes of Capital Outlay.** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**1.) Fire Department Report - Incident Type Period Comparisons -** August 1st through September 1st for years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

**2.) Finance Report for the Month of June 2011.** Councilman Douglas reported that the June report had not been finalized, but should be finished in a couple of weeks.

**3.) Report from City Manager:**

a.) Water Plant Rehab project was on schedule, and a pre-construction meeting had been held. The high service pumps were expected in by Sept. 23rd.

b.) A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> on the Davis Park project. The stream buffer variance had not yet been received from EPD.

c.) Mayor VanLandingham planned to travel to Macon to receive \$500,000 CDBG funding for the Teresa Edwards storm water improvement project.

**4.) Reports from Mayor & Council:**

Councilman Douglas inquired as to when drilling for the new well would begin, with City Manager Addleton responding that it would start after the 20<sup>th</sup> Street project was completed.

Councilman Cloud inquired as to how long the crossing guards were to be at their posts. He also asked that some signage be put up at Scott's Tasty Chick so that delivery trucks would not park in an area that would limit the sight of travelers coming from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. on to MLK.

Mayor VanLandingham commended the Fire Dept. on the impressive dedication service for the 9/11 memorial held earlier in the day. He also reported that someone had commented to him that there were more tickets being written by the Police Dept. than in the past and asked for a comparison report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM, MAYOR**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK**