

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

The September 13, 2010 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 Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. 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.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Cloud.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – August 23, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Community Outreach Day on October 16, 2010 at the Holder Park Picnic Area from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Pastor Ambers Glenn, Jr. - Faith Temple Church of Cairo, Applicant. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2.) 2010 Cairo Christmas Parade – Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce, Applicant, on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., beginning at the Chamber of Commerce and ending at the Methodist Church. City Manager Addleton reported that parking would not be allowed on Broad Street during the parade and that plenty of trash receptacles would be provided along the street. He was asked to remind the Chamber to stress to participants that they were not allowed to throw candy from vehicles. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid for City of Cairo 300,000-Gallon Westside Elevated Water Storage Tank (W&A Project No. W0301-029-01) – Notice of Award and Contract Agreement. City Manager Addleton reported that two bids were opened on September 2nd, with only \$8,000 difference between the two. He recommended postponing the bid award until 9/27/2010 so that more research could be done on the low bidder's recent work.

Resolution for Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Highway Functional Classification Change. City Manager Addleton reported that the two changes would correct obvious errors, and that reclassification would have a positive impact on eligible funding for street improvements. The revisions involved changing two roadways to reflect the type of service they provided for travel movement: 1.) Reclassify 1st Ave., SW from an Urban Minor Arterial; to an Urban Collector Street, at its junction with Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and proceeding to its junction with State Routes 93 and 111; and 2.) Reclassify 2nd Ave., SE from an Urban Collector Street to an Urban Minor Arterial, at its intersection with Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and proceeding to its intersection with State Route 188. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

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Set Tentative 2010 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate, Advertise the Five (5)-Year History, and Set a Special Called Meeting to set the Final Millage Rate. City Manager Addleton noted that even though there would be a decrease in taxes of almost \$53,000, he had provided for it during budget planning. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to set the 2010 tentative millage rate at 7.49 net mills, same rate as in 2009, and advertise the 5-year history. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. A Special Meeting was set for September 30th at 5:00 p.m. to set the final millage rate.

Tax Billing Agreement between the City of Cairo and Grady County Commission. The agreement between the City and County provided for the City to contract with the Grady County Tax Commissioner to bill and collect taxes on real and personal property for the City. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Contract for Tax Billing Services between the City of Cairo and Tax Commissioner Phyllis Gainous. The contract provided for Tax Commissioner Gainous to provide billing, collection, reporting, and remitting of City ad valorem taxes (real estate and personal property) beginning with the 2010 tax billing. Tax Commissioner Gainous would receive annually a flat rate fee of \$1.25 per individual account billed upon completion of billing. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Surplus Equipment – 1989 John Deere Backhoe. City Manager Addleton requested to have a 1989 John Deere back-hoe that had been out of service for several years declared as surplus and recommended that it be donated to the Grady County Board of Education for the CHS automotive class. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the request and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion passed with Council Members Douglas, Cloud, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor of the motion, and Councilman Gilliard abstaining due to his employment with the Board of Education.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

City Manager's Report:

- 1.) On 9/20/2010, City and County Officials are to meet with DOT officials regarding state aid priorities. Also to be discussed will be the 3-year resurfacing plan and streetscape enhancements/grant.
- 2.) Local Risk Management Services Inspector, Rene Azar, reported in a recent inspection that some City employees were still not wearing seatbelts. The Safety Committee had since recommended pulling the whole department's safety bingo cards if an individual in that department was caught not wearing a seatbelt.
- 3.) On 9/22/2010, the ground water storage tank on 1st Ave., SW will be drained, cleaned, and inspected.
- 4.) The SCADA water system installation began this week.
- 5.) DRMP and Wood Partners will be at the 9/27/2010 meeting to discuss ideas for Davis Park.
- 6.) City Manager Addleton and Building Official Hayes had identified around 20 to 25 blighted properties in main corridors for condemnation procedures. Also, a permit to demolish the house at 198 MLK had been obtained.
- 7.) Reported that the City's C&D area at the Landfill still had 25 to 30 years left and recommended giving incentives to property owners who were willing to demolish condemned property by waiving tipping fees which were normally 40% to 50% of

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demolition costs. City Manager Addleton and City Attorney Lehman were to look at a proposal to being back on 9/27/2010.

Department Reports:

Police Department – July 2010 Monthly Workload & Citations and Tickets.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

- 1.) Councilman Cloud requested that the post office be asked to mark off more clearly the “no parking” areas in front of the post office.
- 2.) Councilman Douglas suggested becoming a part of a joint City-County Board of Elections to handle the City’s elections, and to pay the costs of City elections. He also reported on positive comments he had received regarding the enforcement of nuisance abatements. He requested that “no semi truck parking in residential areas” be enforced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:28 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to enter into session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Present for the session were Mayor VanLandingham, Council Members Cloud, Douglas, Gwaltney, Gilliard, and Thornton; City Attorney Lehman; City Manager Addleton; and City Clerk Lee. At 6:45 p.m., the session was closed upon motion made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Thornton, 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:

ATTEST:

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK