

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

The September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Council Members James H. Douglas, Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney joined the group later in the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, Energy Services Director Rod Prince, 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:

Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted upon motion by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Certification of 2009 General Election. Incumbent Mayor Richard VanLandingham, incumbent District Two Councilman Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., and incumbent District Four Councilman James H. Douglas were the only candidates to qualify for the 2009 General Election, resulting in no need to hold an election. After review, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the resolution, duly seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Combined Cycle Power Sales Contract between Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and the City of Cairo. City Manager Addleton explained that the proposed amendment would allow for a line of credit to be used to fund working capital requirements (fuel, operations, and maintenance, etc.), no longer making it necessary for MEAG to have to pre-bill participants. The amendment would also allow for billing to be put on an actual variable cost basis, as well as on the same cycle as other projects. After review, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the amendment, duly seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Combined Cycle Power Sales Contract between Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) and the City of Cairo. After review, Councilman Douglas made motion to approve the resolution, duly seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Second Replacement Amendment to the Declaration of Trust - The Municipal Competitive Trust – MEAG. City Manager Addleton explained that the amendment would allow for more spending flexibility of money in the generation account and would be a benefit by maintaining a strong credit rating and allowing for a more competitive position. Director Prince added that currently funds in the account were restricted only for use on the Plant Vogtle Project.

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After review, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the amendment, duly seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Second Replacement Amendment to the Declaration of Trust - The Municipal Competitive Trust – MEAG. After review, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the resolution, duly seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Application for Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License (Beer, Retail Consumption on Premises) – to Van Albert Powell d/b/a Hi Way Bait & Tackle - 88 Market Street. After review, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the application, duly seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License (Beer, Retail Consumption on Premises) – Asencion Cruz d/b/a El Tarasco #2 – 351 9th St., NE. After review, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the application, duly seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

1.) **Off-System Resurfacing – Project PI No. 0009506, Grady County Project CR 315/17th Ave. – Resurfacing 0.76 miles on 17th Ave., NW from SR 93/111 to 0.30 miles East of SR 38/US 84.** City Manager Addleton reported that this project contract would be let on Dec. 11, 2009. Stimulus funding could only be used for the resurfacing, so some work on the edges of the road would be needed in order to be able to have a 24-foot width resurfaced.

2.) Announced City/County Leadership Meeting to be held on Nov. 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Monty Ferrell’s camp house.

REPORTS:

Cairo Fire Department – August 2009 Incident List. Councilman Douglas inquired as to whether citations or warnings had been issued on the three unauthorized burns.

Councilman Gwaltney joined the meeting at this time (6:10 p.m.).

REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Thornton reported a ditch that was stopped up at the corner of 5th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. and a washed-out driveway at 324 5th Ave., NW.

Councilman Cloud requested that photo identification badges be made for the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Douglas asked when the Council would be receiving a report on the new GPS system being used in the garbage truck, with City Manager Addleton advising that the report was scheduled for the October agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor VanLandingham announced the need for an Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (4)), with motion made at 6:13 p.m. by Councilman

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Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members to enter into Executive Session. 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 6:30 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members to come out of Executive Session. There was no action taken as a result of the session.

Councilman Cloud stated that he had forgotten to present some information to the Council earlier regarding the recently approved employee vacation schedule. The spreadsheet included the committee proposal as well as the approved vacation schedule.

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

APPROVED:

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK