

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 8, 2012

The October 8, 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., Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was unable to attend the meeting. 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 Councilman Douglas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 24, 2012. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Consider Special Event Permit - First Baptist Church of Cairo Annual Fall Festival – October 31, 2012 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – Block traffic on 6th Ave., NW beginning at the intersection with 1st St., NW up to North Broad Street. After review, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase of Generator and Transfer Switch for #2 Water Plant. City Manager Addleton advised that two bidders had submitted quotes: **1.)** Yancy Power Systems – (Catepillar) \$100,530.00, and **2.)** Cummins Power South – (Cummins) \$116,793.30. This would replace the rental unit that had been used since the previous 40-year old emergency generator had gone out in April. Various financing options had also been considered, and it was recommended to finance the purchase in-house and pay back in 24 months at a rate of 2%. Motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the purchase from Yancy Power Systems and finance in-house as recommended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Recommended Budget Amendments for FY 2011-2012 (Net Adjustment-\$66,906.37). City Manager Addleton reported that the budget amendments were needed primarily due to the 20th St., NE and the Davis Park Projects. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the amendments as presented, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Update on FEMA Project Number HMGP-1833-0042 Flood Properties. Attorney Lehman gave an update on the project that consisted of five structures that had qualified for acquisition. The acquisition of 508 Smart St., NW had already been completed, with paperwork submitted for 420 Smart St., NW. He was still working on a settlement for #418, and the owners of two other structures (estate property) could not make unanimous decisions with regard to acquisition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Reports:

1.) **Consider Finance Report for the Month of July, 2012.** Councilman Douglas reported that water, sewer, and electric sales were down. He made motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) **City Manager's Report:**

- The proposed “Baggy Pants” ordinance would be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- RTD, the contractor for the Seventh Avenue Lift Station project, had been delayed but would begin work on the project in January.
- The GMA District 10 Meeting was scheduled to be held in Baconton on October 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- The installation of Davis Park playground equipment had been completed. Mayor VanLandingham announced that he would like for an area to be designated there to install the swing set.
- Streetscape surveying had been in progress on South Broad St, with the North Broad portion to also be surveyed when that was completed. When surveying was finished, Robert & Company would be in town to start work on a conceptual plan. The Streetscape Project was expected to take several years for total completion of the various phases.
- A lawsuit had been filed against the City regarding the recent denial of a conditional use permit for a group home. A claim number had been received from GIRMA, and the law firm of Alexander & Vann had been assigned to represent the City.

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

- Mayor VanLandingham reported on a meeting that was held recently to discuss commercial improvements downtown and in other areas, cleanup of those areas, as well as inventorying unused buildings to identify potential business possibilities. He requested any comments or ideas to be submitted.
- Councilman Cloud stated that he did not think tents should be allowed in the upper areas at Davis Park due to water lines being located there.
- Councilman Cloud stated that he had discussed the lot at 8th St. and Adams Ave., SW, and that the vegetation needed to be cleared; and he would like this to be done immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The purpose of the session was to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceeding, or other judicial actions brought by or against the board or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2).

At 6:20 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to enter into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

At 6:29 p.m., motion to close the Executive Session was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

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There was no action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**