

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL - OCTOBER 14, 2013

The October 14, 2013 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 Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Robert L. Gwaltney was absent from 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 Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – September 23, 2013. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Event Permit for MLK Collaborative - MLK Parade on January 20, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. - Douglas Addison, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Special Event Permit for First Baptist Church Fall Festival - Request to Close 5th and 6th Ave., NW from Broad St. to 1st St., NW - October 30, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Sam Kines, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Special Event Permit for First Assembly of God Fall Festival - Request to Close 12th Ave., NE from Highway 188 to Pineland Drive - October 31, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Travis Harrison, Applicant. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Special Event Permit for Grady County Chamber of Commerce - Christmas Parade - Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. – Beginning at Chamber of Commerce and ending at First Methodist Church. After review, motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Application for Participation in the Christmas Parade. Motion to approve participation by placing a float in the parade was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, Entitled “Fire Prevention” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia To Promote Fire Safety within the City. (Ordinance was introduced on September 23rd). Council had requested some revisions to the ordinance, and City Manager Addleton had prepared the revision. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman

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Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Entitled “Health and Sanitation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia Regarding the Burning of Trash. (Ordinance was introduced on September 23rd). Council had requested some revisions to the ordinance, and City Manager Addleton had prepared the revision. After review, motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: CDBG Project No. 13p-x-065-2-5568 - 8th Street, SW Neighborhood Sewer and Drainage Improvements Project to benefit 68 residents. (CDBG funds awarded - \$367,130.00; City’s matching portion - \$171,709.00). The hearing was held without any comments from the public.

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located on 2nd Ave. NW – New Beginning Church, Owner - Tax Map C20, Parcel 58 from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). (Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting).

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located on Loblolly Lane – Bill Flowers, Owner -Tax Map C40, Part of Parcel 53.1 from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Highway Commercial District). (Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting).

2013 General Election Poll Worker Compensation (Manager - \$150.00, Asst. Managers - \$120.00, Clerks - \$110.00). After discussion, motion to approve the compensation was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Appointment of Member to the Joint Development Authority (to fill the expired term of Ms. Nancy Clark who chose not to be considered for reappointment) - (Term to Expire October 1, 2016). After review, motion to appoint Mr. Charles Davis was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

1.) Consider Finance Report for the Month of August, 2013. After review, motion to approve the report was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

2.) City Manager’s Report:

- GMA District 10 Listening Session scheduled for October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in Albany.
- MEAG Board meeting scheduled for Oct. 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the old recently renovated Thomas County Courthouse, with dinner on Oct. 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Pebble Hill.

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- Presented a letter of thanks from the Syrup City Players.

Ms. Roberta Thomas of Jacksonville, Fl., who also owned a house in Cairo at 107 Pine Circle, SW, was present and asked to address the Council. She stated that her neighborhood was falling down and there were lots of foreclosed properties. She presented a sample of a Jacksonville ordinance that dealt with maintenance of foreclosed property. She added that owners of vacant property there were given 10 days to register their property on a vacant property registry and pay a registration fee. There was a contract with a company to find owners when property was not maintained and to follow up on maintenance. They would receive a percentage of the registration fee. If they did not handle the situation, the city would follow up with the abatement process and file a lien. In closing, she asked that the Council consider the same procedures for Cairo.

3.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

- Councilman Cloud reported that there was a dead tree on 4th Ave., SE near the pickle stream where the buses go in at Southside School.
- Mayor VanLandingham requested the Council to look at industrial and manufacturing areas for improvement and possible nuisance abatement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Thornton to enter into executive session to meet with the attorney to discuss a pending or potential lawsuit, settlement, claim, administrative proceeding or other judicial action brought against or by the City. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Present for the session were Attorney Jim Garland; Mayor VanLandingham; Mayor Pro Tem Cloud; Council Members Douglas, Gilliard, and Thornton; City Manager Addleton; City Attorney Lehman; and City Clerk Lee.

At 6:55 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to end the session, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**