

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 24, 2011

The October 24, 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.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Thornton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting – October 10, 2011. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Community Celebration - Parade on January 16, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. (Backup date in case of rain – January 21st). Beginning at Roddenbery Memorial Library, proceeding down Broad Street to M. L. King, and ending at Holder Park. After review, motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-30 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, and the Zoning Maps, to Provide for an Effective Date; to Repeal all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes. Grady County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Applicant - Property Description: Lots 3, 9, and 9.1 of City Tax Map C-11 - from C-2 to I-1. The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the November 14th meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-30 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, and the Zoning Maps, to Provide for an Effective Date; to Repeal all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes - Evelyn Pless, Applicant - Property Description: 410 4th St., SE - Parcel 6 of City Tax Map C-28 - from R1-A to C-1. The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the November 14th meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-30 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, and the Zoning Maps, to Provide for an Effective Date; to Repeal all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes - Chad Johnson, Applicant - Property Description: 1526 North Broad Street - Parcel 24.1 of City Tax Map C-23-from R1 to I-1. The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the November 14th meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Section 22-30 of Article III of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, and the Zoning Maps, to Provide for an Effective Date; to Repeal all Ordinances or Parts or Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes. Chuck Thomas, Applicant. Property: Parcel 24 of City Tax Map C-23 off 16th Ave., NE from R1 to I-1). The Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the November 14th meeting.

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Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Distribution. The distribution, based on the 2010 census figures, showed that the County would receive 59.7%, the City of Cairo at 38.4%, and the City of Whigham at 1.9%. City Manager Addleton noted that should Whigham's census challenge be successful, the percentages could change by a small amount. This distribution could be revisited at any time during the ten-year period until the next census. He felt it was not in the best interest to fund the Library at 70% through LOST at the present time, as had been considered previously. Regarding that previous proposal, Attorney Lehman asked if the County had given a reason why the City should fund 70% and the County fund only 30% when the County would receive more money. Councilman Douglas felt that the subject should be addressed in the service delivery strategy. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the percentages on the distribution certificate, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

Finance Report for the Month of June, 2011. The report had been reviewed earlier at the Finance Committee meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. A list of budget amendments had been handed out for review. It was not readily known whether an ordinance or resolution would be needed for these amendments, so it was decided to place the item on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

City Manager's Report:

1.) Reported that the notice to proceed for 11/1/2011 for street resurfacing had been received, and a pre-construction meeting had been held. The rights-of-way on over seven miles of streets would be clipped for drainage purposes and the dirt removed. Resurfacing would begin within 10 days, with completion by Thanksgiving. It was suggested that it would be good to advertise the areas where work would be taking place if the order of streets to be resurfaced could be obtained. Councilman Douglas requested that the list of streets be e-mailed to the Council.

2.) The 20th Street Project (Phase 2) notice to proceed was for 11/7/2011. The pre-construction meeting, in which school officials had taken part, had already been held. Initially, a portion of 20th St., NE would be closed from Highway 84 to its intersection with 19th St., with buses to use 19th St. and Livestock Pavilion Road to access Eastside School. Access to the cemeteries would be via 19th St. also. The remainder of 20th St. NE would be closed to thru traffic during the week of Thanksgiving; and, since school was out that week, a great deal of the work would be done then. The contractor had 180 days to complete the project. It was noted that there was not a street sign on 19th, and it was requested that signs be installed on 19th and 20th Streets where needed.

3.) \$71,936.52 reimbursement had been received from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund upon re-application with assistance from TTL.

4.) Update on water loss which showed that losses had been cut in half, with a goal to reduce loss even further.

5.) Report on list of projects for the Transportation T-SPLOST 10-year program for 2012 sales tax referendum (starting in 2014). With Mayor VanLandingham serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee, there were five projects for the City and two for the County. There was one regional project, to four-lane Highway 133, which had the highest priority. If the sales tax is approved, there would be a return of almost 96% of the tax back to Grady County, with DOT deciding which projects are to be completed first.

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6.) In compliance with the PSC consent order, a city-wide gas drill was scheduled to take place at Koyo the following Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., with several PSC officials attending. A county-wide drill was to be held at the Higdon Furniture Building at a later date.

Reports from Mayor & Council: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**