

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 8, 2010

The November 8, 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, and Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. 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 B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gilliard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – October 25, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

DRMP and Wood & Partners, Inc. – Davis Park Project. Engineer Bryant King of DRMP presented four options for the conceptual Master Plan for Davis Park. The first option, Option Zero (\$548,000), included the originally-proposed wet pond and amphitheatre with removal of most of the trees. Option One (\$310,000) was a scaled-down master plan that changed the wet pond to a dry pond and allowed retention of more of the trees, but removed plans for the amphitheatre. Option Two (\$410,000) included the plans for Option One with the addition of piping between the railroad and 1st Ave., NE to provide for stream improvements. Option Three (\$110,000) consisted of only the piping across 1st Ave., plus a small pond. Option Four (\$170,000) consisted of purchasing properties along 1st Ave., NE that were susceptible to flooding, but did nothing to prevent street flooding. The information presented also showed each option as it related to flooding of the street and structures during a 10-year, 25-year, and 100-year flood. Council asked questions and discussed the options, and it was pointed out that the main objective was to correct storm water drainage. The cost estimate for Phase II park enhancements was not included in the Phase I estimates. City Manager Addleton believed that the cost estimates for the options would be lower than proposed and also suggested waiting to begin construction until after the Antique Car Rally which was to be held at the park in May. Mayor VanLandingham suggested that the Council get together at the park, along with the consultant, and look at the various options.

SPECIAL EVENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Water Ordinance – Outdoor Watering 2010 – Georgia Water Stewardship Act. (Ordinance was introduced at the October 25th meeting). After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Adoption of Revised Ethics Ordinance and Approval of Resolution. (Ordinance was introduced at the October 25th meeting). After review, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to adopt the ordinance and approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Proposed New City IP Phone System and Intergovernmental Agreement for Telecommunications Services with Thomasville Utilities. City Manager Addleton reported that the proposed conversion would require an Intergovernmental Agreement for Telecommunications Services between the City of Cairo and Thomasville Utilities as well as an upgrade in equipment and

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hardware to be provided and installed by BloughTech. Mr. Paul Blough presented information on the proposed voice over internet system (VOIP), noting that it was necessary to replace the current out-of-date Windstream system, as some problems with it could not be corrected. He outlined the benefits of the ESI Communications Server which would connect all the City buildings as one system, except the landfill which would operate remotely. These features included a help button, record button, personal greeting, ESIDEX, virtual answer, voice mail via e-mail, and caller ID history. Some available upgrades included video cameras, locks, and recording of calls. The new system could operate simultaneously with the old during the 60-day transition period. City Manager Addleton noted that the City currently pays \$38,000 annually for the current system, and the total initial annual costs for the proposed system would be \$10,300 and \$9,000 thereafter. Hardware and installation would cost \$33,675, with the system having a 1.2- year payback. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the agreement with Thomas Utilities, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present. Motion was also made by Councilman Cloud to approve the purchase of the hardware from Blough Tech. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard and passed with Council Members Cloud, Gilliard, and Thornton voting in favor of the motion and Councilman Douglas opposing.

MEAG Power Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity to the Albany Water, Gas, and Light Commission on Behalf of the City of Cairo. City Manager Addleton reported that purchase price for the declared capacity of 2,976 kW was \$3.88 per kW. After review, motion to approve the sale was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

Finance Reports – August and September, 2010. Councilman Douglas reported that the Finance Committee members had some questions with regard to variances between months that were being checked, but made motion to approve the reports. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager's Report.

1.) A \$15,000 Grant to the Police Department was received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to enhance traffic enforcement. 2.) He had met with cell phone tower personnel representing Alltel regarding the tower at the EJD site, learning that construction was to begin the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2011. 3.) Reminded Council Members to submit their Mayor's Day registration forms. 4.) Requested to place an item on the next meeting agenda to consider cancelling the December 27th meeting and also to reschedule the January 24, 2011 meeting. 5.) The downtown paving project on Oliver Lane had been completed, with the exception of a small punch-list, and parking spaces were striped on Saturday. 6.) Parking lot behind City Hall had also been resurfaced and striped. 7.) A pre-construction meeting was held with Caldwell, the contractor who was to construct the water tank on 13th St., SW. A notice to proceed on November 1st had been issued, with construction expected to begin in February 2011.

Reports from Mayor & Council.

1.) Mayor VanLandingham asked if the ditches on 4th St., NW were being filled in, with the Council discussing the piping of 11th Ave., NW, as well as water repair work being done on 4th St., NW. 2.) Councilman Cloud reported that Dr. Walter Smith was very appreciative of the plaque presented to him by the City. 3.) Council was reminded of the Nov. 18th District meeting to be held in Cairo.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK