

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 10, 2014

The November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lannis Thornton, Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Robert L. Gwaltney. 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 AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – October 27, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located at 121 2nd Ave., NE (Tax Map C20, Parcel 56) from CBD (Central Business District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

Introduction of Ordinance to Re-Zone Parcel Located at 201 2nd Ave., NE (Tax Map C20, Parcel 57) from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District). The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting.

City of Cairo Christmas Parade Participation Application – Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. (CNS float). After review, motion to participate in the parade was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Resolution and Documents To Authorize the Call and Redemption of the 2004 Series Bonds as of January 1, 2015 and to Provide for the Issuance of Refunding Revenue Bonds at 2.2% (Series 2014 Bond). (Refunding of the Bonds, projected to save approximately \$750,000, was approved at a previous meeting). Attorney Lehman presented documents including a revised resolution for refunding in the principal amount of \$7,300,000 (at 2.2%). After review, motion to approve the resolution for refunding and authorize the mayor to sign the necessary documents was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

Joint Development Authority Board. After review, motion to approve the re-appointment of Charles Stafford to another term was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members. (3-year term to expire 10/1/17).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reports:

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1.) Departmental Reports: Reports were reviewed and discussed. Council Members expressed concern with the overtime report, especially in the Police Department. City Manager Addleton noted that the overtime expense was offset by the lower salary expense; and that one other officer had been hired recently, with three officer positions still vacant. Also pointed out were the hours worked to patrol special events. Several questions were also asked regarding the Fire Department Report.

2.) City Manager:

- Reminded Mayor and Council of the Mayor's Day registration.

3.) Reports from Mayor & Council:

- Councilman Douglas reported that cable tiling on the HD channels had occurred and was particularly bad on Sunday. He also reported that traffic on Highway 84 in the Northside School zone was going 10 to 20 mph over the speed limit between 7:20 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
- Councilman Cloud reported that trucks were still backing up at the intersection of Highway 111 South and Highway 93 and also still using 4th St., SE as a cut-thru to avoid the intersection. Council Members discussed the situation, with City Manager Addleton noting that DOT had done a traffic study there, and their results continued to indicate that a traffic light was not warranted. He added that he had also requested that a traffic study be done for the speed limit near the intersection of Highway 112 and Highway 84 since several wrecks had recently occurred there.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK