

## REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 11, 2013

The November 11, 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, Robert L. Gwaltney, and Lannis Thornton. Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr. 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 City Manager Addleton.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – October 28, 2013.** Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Special Event Permit for the United Way for Grady County - Annual 5K Fun Run to be held on November 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. - Marty Cannington, Applicant.** After review, motion to approve the event was made by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Project Completion for CDBG 11p-x-065-2-5362. Teresa Edwards Neighborhood Street Drainage Improvements.** There were no public comments made, so the hearing was closed.

**Grady County Request for In-Kind Labor Contribution - Service Installation for Setting Approximately 16 Lights/Poles at Barber Park (through adoption of resolution or letter of authorization).** City Manager Addleton reported that County Administrator Tobar was planning to submit a grant application, and believed that chances were greater for an award with more participants. City Manager Addleton had estimated that, if rented, an installation truck to dig holes and set poles with lights attached would cost \$70 per hour plus two people at \$40 per hour. Mayor VanLandingham suggested discussing with the County what they might do in return for the City. Councilman Douglas felt that the County should reimburse the City for labor and benefits if the request was approved. Councilman Cloud believed that it would take three people four to five days to complete the job. Councilman Douglas added that the City had given over \$400,000 in wetlands to the County. Councilman Gwaltney stated that if the City had a need for something, they could then ask the County for help. Councilman Cloud inquired as to why the EMC was not setting the poles and was told that they had said they did not have the equipment to do so. Attorney Lehman reminded the Council of the deadline for grant application submittal. After discussion, motion to deny the request was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present. Motion was then made by Councilman Douglas to allow the use of the digger truck for five days at eight hours per day at no charge, with City's labor costs and benefits to be paid by the County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud and approved unanimously by all Council Members present. Mayor VanLandingham asked the Council if they wanted him to meet with the County to ask them to work better with the City. Councilman Gwaltney and City Manager Addleton felt that requests should be specific as needed, with Councilman Douglas suggesting that the City Manager and the County Administrator meet together on a monthly basis to discuss city/county matters.

**Recommended Budget Amendments for FY 2012-2013.** City Manager Addleton reported that the budget needed \$72,131 in adjustments and had been discussed in the Finance Committee meeting. After review, motion to approve amendments to the budget at the department level as submitted was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

**Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Article VI Entitled "Signs" of Chapter 22 Captioned "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cairo, Georgia; To establish an Updated Sign Ordinance.** Attorney Lehman advised that the ordinance was a first draft, and some changes would have to be made; adding that billboards would have to be allowed in the City but could be regulated by size, number, height, location, etc. When asked about signs located at alcohol package stores, he stated that the new ordinance would cover those as well; therefore, the sign

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requirements in the alcohol section of the code would be eliminated. Ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption after public hearings are scheduled and held.

**Introduction of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Cairo’s Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance to Reflect the 2009 and Earlier Amendments to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.** City Manager Addleton advised that a reminder had been received to update the City’s ordinance. The ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the next meeting.

**Land Donation from Mr. Terry Prince of Property on MLK Located Adjacent to Holder Park and Described as Tax Map C13 – Parcel 149, (FMV: \$6,300).** City Manager Addleton advised that Mr. Prince wanted to give the lot to the City which could possibly be used as an additional access to Holder Park property. He had requested that the City Attorney prepare the deed if accepted. After discussion, motion to accept the donation was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

**Canceling or Rescheduling of December 23, 2013 Council Meeting Due to Christmas Holidays.** After discussion, motion to cancel the meeting was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and approved unanimously by all Council Members present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

**1.) City Manager:**

- The Electric Cities of Ga. Bus Tour would be in Cairo at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday to tour the industrial parks.
- The Main Street grant application had been approved, and a press release would be forthcoming.
- Mr. Danny Bivins of the Carl Vinson Institute would be at the VanLandingham Center on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. to present a Renaissance Vision Plan (downtown).

**2.) Reports from Mayor and Council:**

- Councilman Cloud reported that buses were having a sight distance problem on Highway 111 South at its intersection with 13<sup>th</sup> St., SW and Westbrooks St., SW.
- Councilman Cloud also advised that CNS had advertised on the scroll that the Albany State and Ft. Valley game would be aired on Channel 8-Bounce TV last Saturday, but it was not. City Manager Addleton advised that all the cities in the CNS group do not always air the same programs, but he would check on it.
- Councilman Douglas reported that there had been an abundance of semis using Broad Street. Council discussed the City’s ordinance with Attorney Lehman, with Ms. Sharon Liggett advising that she had sent information from the committee to Attorney Lehman for review. He later read the truck ordinance and pointed out that the existing ordinance had no penalty included.
- Councilman Douglas commended the mayoral candidates for removing their campaign signs so promptly after the election.
- Mayor VanLandingham requested that City Manager Addleton and Attorney Lehman review the City’s ordinance with regard to its effectiveness for cleaning up commercial and industrial areas, as well as consider rezoning of some of those areas. Council discussed, noting that Attorney Lehman had reported that the current ordinance could be used for commercial and industrial properties as it had been with residential areas. Councilman Douglas suggested making a list of lots and then making ordinance changes if needed.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROLYN B. LEE**  
**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

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**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM**  
**MAYOR**