

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The November 22, 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, 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 B. Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Mayor VanLandingham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting – November 8, 2010. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1. Sharon Watson Request - The F.I.R.M. Dance Company Fundraiser at the Christmas Parade on City-owned lot across from Miss Myrt's on South Broad Street on Dec. 2nd from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion to approve request was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

2. Consider American Red Cross, Georgia Wiregrass Chapter Christmas Tree Sales Fundraiser at 328 US Highway 84 East (old Cairo Sales lot) - November 26th thru December 22nd. Motion to approve request was made by Councilman Gilliard, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for a Family Personal Care Home (Sec. 22-18 (h)) – 110 3rd Ave., SW (Tax Map C10-Parcel 3 – R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) – Annie Flowers, Property Owner - Deborah Payne, Applicant. Mr. Patrick Kinni, 107 3rd Ave., SW, was present in opposition to the conditional use permit. He stated that he had appeared eighteen months ago for the same conditional use which had been denied at that time. He was of the opinion that this use should not be mixed with single-family use, stating that the request was akin to a commercial use. He also suggested initiating a rezoning of the area to single-family classification, so that residents would not have to keep coming back to the Council. Ms. Ann Singletary, 40 3rd Ave., SW, was also opposed, referring to the investment she had made in her home. The applicant, Ms. Deborah Payne, was present and stated that she chose this particular location for wheelchair accessibility. Adding that all her clients were blind, deaf, and/or wheelchair-bound, she stated that they would not be roaming the neighborhood. After comments, the public hearing was closed.

Conditional Use Permit for a Family Personal Care Home (Sec. 22-18 (h)) – 110 3rd Ave., SW (Tax Map C10-Parcel 3 – R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) – Annie Flowers, Property Owner - Deborah Payne, Applicant. (The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) had recommended approval of the permit, but the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended denial). After discussion, motion to deny the permit was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and approved by Council Members Douglas, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton. Councilman Cloud abstained from voting.

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Public Hearing – Rezoning Application – R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) – Vacant lot on the southeast corner of 4th St., and 4th Ave., SE – Tax Map C29, Parcel 7 – Maggie B. Collins, Property Owner. Mrs. Linda Collins, the applicant's daughter-in-law, was present stating that they wished to build an office on the lot which was located across the street from other commercial businesses. She added that her business traffic would be minimal as most of her business was conducted off-site.

Rezoning Application – R-1A (Single-Family Residential District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) – Vacant lot on the southeast corner of 4th St., and 4th Ave., SE – Tax Map C29, Parcel 7 – Maggie B. Collins, Property Owner. Both the SWGRC and the Cairo Planning Commission had recommended approval of rezoning. After discussion, motion to approve the rezoning to C-1 was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. (Introduction of zoning ordinance to be considered at next meeting).

Consider Notice of Award and Contract Agreement - Base Bid for Jack and Bore to serve U.S. Hwy 84 West. City Manager Addleton reported that bores for utilities had been planned at eight locations to include 7th St., NW, 17th Ave., NW, Highway 112, and Highway 84 West at Crine Blvd. Four bids had been received: **1.)** Standard Contractors - \$130,515.70, **2.)** Jim Boyd Contractors - \$136,094.00, **3.)** Radney Plumbing - \$140,580.00, and the lowest bid from **4.)** Little River Contractors, Inc. - \$115,695.00. Councilman Douglas asked Attorney Lehman if he had examined the contract, with Attorney Lehman responding that it appeared to be the standard form. After discussion, motion to approve the contract and award the bid to Little River Contractors was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider CNS Cable TV Rate Restructure/Increased Internet Speeds to become effective January 1, 2011. City Manager Addleton explained that the proposed restructure included a rate increase necessary to cover cost increases in programming and local subscriber fees, but it also included an addition of two new channels and 15 high-definition channels. In addition, Syrucity internet would be doubling its download and upload speeds with little or no price increase. After discussion, motion to approve the rate structure was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider Finance Report for the Month of October, 2010. Councilman Douglas noted that the Finance Committee still had some questions that were being resolved but made motion to approve the report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Mayor VanLandingham requested that a quarterly update also be presented.

Consider Cancellation of Regular Council Meeting - December 27, 2010. Motion to approve the cancellation of the December 27th meeting was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Consider Re-scheduling of Regular Council Meeting on January 24, 2011 (Conflict with Mayor's Day). After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to cancel the January 24th meeting and reschedule the meeting to Thursday, January 27, 2011, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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Resolution Certifying Compliance with all Applicable Eligibility Criteria and Requirements – Ga. Department of Transportation (GDOT) – Transportation Enhancement Program. City Manager Addleton explained that the resolution was part of the grant application for the enhancement of South Broad Street. After discussion, motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

City Manager’s Report:

- 1.) DOT permit had been received to proceed with the triangle beautification at 1st Ave., NE and Highway 84, with completion to be made within 90 days from the date of the notice. Bids were in process for taking up the asphalt, adding soil, curbing, etc.
- 2.) Davis Park Tour had been scheduled for December 13th at 4:30 p.m. preceding the regular meeting.
- 3.) All audit letters had been received, and auditors would be attending Council meeting.
- 4.) Hats had been presented to the Council complimentary of the Fire Department.

Reports from Mayor & Council:

Councilman Thornton inquired regarding the status of the GEMA application, with City Manager Addleton reporting that GEMA had turned the application over to FEMA.

Councilman Cloud thanked staff for their help at the District meeting.

Councilman Douglas reminded members to turn in their Mayor’s Day forms to Judith Pinon. He also commented on the good turnout at the District meeting and offered his thanks as well.

Mayor VanLandingham requested that information/applications be furnished to the group of residents on 3rd Ave., SW who were interested in having their area rezoned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**