

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., Council Members James H. Douglas, Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., 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:

November 9, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Gwaltney, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

DELEGATIONS: None

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Request from the F.I.R.M. Dance Company to operate a booth on the City Parking Lot located at the corner of S. Broad St. and M. L. King during the Christmas Parade on December 3rd. After review, motion was made by Councilman Gwaltney to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of Tax Ordinance for the Year 2009. (Ordinance was introduced at the November 16th Special Meeting). After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Appointment of Member to the Cairo Planning Commission to fill the Vacancy to be created by the Resignation of Mr. Steve Holt effective December 31, 2009. (Remainder of term to expire on December 31, 2011). Council agreed to discuss this appointment in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Award Bid for Paving of 12th Street, NE (2008 SPLOST). City Manager Addleton referred to a previous request that had been made by Mr. Roy Donaldson to have the dirt street paved. As stimulus funding had been received for the 6th Ave., NW project, miscellaneous funds would be used for the 12th St. project. He advised that bids were opened on October 30th, with bids received from CMI of Cairo (\$26,870), Peavy & Son Construction of Havana, Fl. (\$36,765), and Southern Contractors of Cairo (\$29,890). Council Members discussed the low bidder's previous limited paving experience but noted that the Public Works Department would be inspecting the job. It was also noted that, if the City did any of the prep work, sales tax money could not be used; therefore, it was agreed that the contractor should do the base preparation as well as the paving so both would be covered for warranty purposes. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the bid to the low bidder, CMI in the amount of \$26,870.00, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Contractor Quotes for 17th Ave., NW Road Widening. City Manager Addleton advised that two bids were received to widen 17th Ave., NW by two feet on each side, to be followed up with

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resurfacing of the whole road by DOT after the first of the year. The bids were from Oxford Construction Co. of Albany, Ga. (\$59,957.50) and Scruggs Concrete Co., Inc. of Valdosta (\$42,887.00). He also presented the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement which was prepared by Watkins & Associates and had been examined by Attorney Lehman. Council discussed the pothole problem on the street, noting that the issue should be corrected before paving, with City Manager Addleton advising that it was not known if it was a road base issue or caused by truck abuse. He was asked to see if DOT could look at the problem or to learn if the City would have to correct the problem. Councilman Gilliard noted that it was more costly to widen 17th Ave. NW by two feet than to pave the whole street on 12th St., NE. Also discussed was the large variation in the two bids on the line item for saw cutting the edge of the existing asphalt. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Gilliard to award the bid to the low bidder, Scruggs Concrete Co., Inc. in the amount of \$42,887.00, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Resolution to Appoint/Re-appoint Members to Downtown Development Authority to fill expiring terms of Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. and Nola Daughtry, terms set to expire December 31, 2009. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to re-appoint both Mr. Cloud and Mrs. Daughtry to 6-year terms set to expire on December 31, 2015, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Council discussed activities of the Authority, with City Manager Addleton noting that there had been three façade applications given out. Also discussed was replacement of the Cairo flags located downtown and setting up training for Development Authority members.

Appointment/Re-appointment of Member to Cairo Development Authority to fill the expired term of Jarrell McClenny which expired on October 31, 2009. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Thornton to re-appoint Mr. McClenny to another 3-year term set to expire on October 31, 2012, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Appointment/Re-appointment of Member to Joint Development Authority to fill the expired term of Charles Goar which expired on October 1, 2009. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to re-appoint Mr. Goar to another 3-year term set to expire on October 1, 2012, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Finance Report for September, 2009. Councilman Douglas reported that the Committee had requested more information regarding sales and cost of sales, adding that there were also some allocation problems to work out in administration and support. Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the report, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

Cancellation/Rescheduling of December 28th and January 25th Regular Council Meetings. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to cancel the December 28th meeting, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. Motion was also made by Councilman Douglas to reschedule the January 25th meeting to January 28th, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously approved by all Council Members.

City Manager's Report:

1.) Reported that the Chamber of Commerce had requested that parking not be allowed on Broad Street during the Christmas Parade starting at the Roddenbery Memorial Library and ending at the Methodist Church. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the

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request, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and unanimously approved by all Council Members. It was agreed to have signs to that effect placed on Broad St. the next Monday and cones placed along parking places on the afternoon of the parade.

- 2.) Announced that the Christmas Parade would be filmed.
- 3.) Reported that the bid opening on the 6th Ave., NW stormwater project would be on Dec. 11th at 11:00 a.m.
- 4.) Reminded Council of the City's Annual Christmas Luncheon scheduled for noon on December 18th at the RCC.

REPORTS:

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REPORTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Mayor VanLandingham reported on a ceremony he attended the previous Sunday at the University of Georgia honoring Miss Teresa Edwards.

Councilman Cloud requested that the flags at City Hall be replaced, with City Manager Addleton responding that he had already done so. Councilman Cloud also asked that the DOT be contacted regarding the partial sinkhole that they had marked, but had not fixed, near the bridge at the intersection of Highway 111 South and 4th St., SW.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:40 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to enter into Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate and the appointment of a public officer (member to the Planning Commission), seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Present for the session were Mayor VanLandingham, Council Members Cloud, Douglas, Gwaltney, Gilliard, and Thornton; City Attorney Lehman; City Manager Addleton; and City Clerk Lee. At 7:00 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilman Douglas to appoint Mr. Tom Kimmel to the Cairo Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Steve Holt (to expire December 31, 2011), seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members. Mayor VanLandingham requested that some monetary compensation be considered for Commission Members at the next meeting.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK