

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – DECEMBER 17, 2012

The December 17, 2012 Special Called Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street with Mayor Richard VanLandingham presiding. Present were Mayor Pro Tem James H. Douglas, Council Members Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., and Lannis Thornton. Councilman Ernest W. Cloud, Jr. joined the meeting after the Invocation. 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 Lee. Cairo Messenger Editor Randy Wind was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by City Manager Addleton.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Adoption of Excise Tax Ordinance on Energy Used in Manufacturing. The ordinance was introduced at the December 10th meeting. After discussion regarding implementation issues, Councilman Douglas made motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Contract Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Aviation Division for Land Acquisition Services. The agreement would be for land acquisition services related to the purchase of seven parcels of property around the Airport as part of the long-term Capital Improvement Plan. The City's Airport Consultant, Croy Engineering, would help facilitate the project, including management, surveys, appraisals, environmental assessments, and land acquisition negotiations. The project would be eligible for 95% Federal funding, 2.5% State funding, and 2.5% local funding of \$2,672.00. After discussion, Councilman Cloud made motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Street Classification Change from "Alley" to "Lane" on Frank and Robinson Roadways. (A few weeks earlier, Councilman Thornton had received a request for the Council to consider renaming street designations of Frank and Robinson Alleys to "Lane".) City Manager Addleton reported that he had received a letter from A. W. Thomas, a property owner of 1180 Robinson Alley regarding the request. The property owner had praised the City on its abatement of nuisances in their area and believed that the designation of "Lane" better reflected those improvements. A petition of 14 names requesting the change was also submitted. Council Cloud pointed out that only a very few of the names were actually residents or owners of the properties along the streets. He suggested that all the owners be notified before making a change. After discussion, Councilman Thornton made motion to approve the change, contingent upon approval from those persons with addresses on either of the alleys, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Property owners and residents were to be notified, with instructions to let City Hall know if they had any objection to the renaming. A "no response" to the letter would be considered as an approval of the change.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK

RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM,
MAYOR