

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – DECEMBER 21, 2009

The December 21, 2009 Special Called Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 – Councilman Gilliard gave the Invocation.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Award Bid Contract for the 6th Ave., NW Drainage and Access Improvements Project - CDBG Stimulus – Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Bryant King of DRMP Engineers was present to review the bid tabulation with the Council. A letter from him, along with the bid tabulation, was submitted. He explained that the project was not to be based on a lump sum price, but on quantities and unit prices. In review of the bids, some discrepancies within quantities and significant errors in quantity calculations were found. Peavy and Sons had submitted a bid bond of 5% which was not the appropriate 10% that was advertised; therefore the bid (\$334,496.15) was not evaluated. The CMI bid (\$304,199) was the lowest, but it was found that the estimated quantities of fill replacement, borrow, and rip rap were significantly lower than the engineer's estimate and also significantly lower than that estimated by other bidders. Applying the engineer's estimated quantities to CMI's unit price resulted in an adjusted bid base of \$350,491. It was DRMP's opinion that CMI's quantities, if the project was constructed according to plan, would not result in the lowest bid price. After adjusting the base for Jimmie Crowder's bid (\$341,194), it resulted in \$329,094. After review of the bids including unit price and quantity, along with the most responsive and responsible bidder, DRMP recommended Jimmie Crowder Excavating and Land Clearing with a base bid of \$341,190.00 and additive alternate of \$10,496.00. They considered the contractor as having the best bid proposal, unit prices, and least discrepancy in quantities and calculations from the plan quantity. After questions and discussion by Council, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to award the bid to Jimmie Crowder as recommended based on the unit price bid (\$341,194). Motion was seconded by Councilman Gilliard. Mr. Lee Lasseter of Peavy and Sons was present and stated that the 5% bid bond was a typographical error and requested a review, adding that he would respect the Council's decision. City Manager Addleton explained that the information had been reviewed, and he wished to move quickly on the award of the bid due to time constraints associated with the stimulus funding. Motion passed with Councilmen Douglas, Gilliard, Gwaltney, and Thornton voting in favor and Councilman Cloud voting against.

Continue Support to Grady County Joint Development Authority at \$3,700 Per Month Towards the Debt (Interest Payment) of the Higdon Building. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to continue support in the amount of \$3,700 per month for 2010, contingent upon the Grady County Commission continuing their support. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:25 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Cloud to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, 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 5:35 p.m., motion was made by Councilman Douglas to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members.

There was no action taken as a result of the session.

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

APPROVED:

**RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**CAROLYN B. LEE
CITY CLERK**