

REGULAR MEETING – CAIRO MAYOR & COUNCIL – OCTOBER 12, 2015

The October 12, 2015 Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room at 101-B North Broad Street by Mayor Robert B. Burns, Sr. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Kermit V. Gilliard, Jr., Council Members Ernest W. Cloud, Jr., James H. Douglas, and Robert L. Gwaltney. Councilman Lannis Thornton was unable to attend the meeting. Staff Members in attendance were City Manager Chris Addleton, City Attorney Thomas L. Lehman, City Clerk Carolyn Lee, Public Works Director Raymond Stokes, and Public Works Supt. Darin Todd. Jerry L. Cox, unopposed candidate for Councilman in District 5 in the 2015 General Election, was also present to observe the meeting. Cairo Messenger Reporter, Mesha Wind, was also in attendance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gwaltney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Council Meeting – September 28, 2015.

Motion to approve minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

DELEGATIONS:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

1.) Cairo Assembly of God Request for Permit to Block 12th Ave., NE from Highway 188 to Pineland Drive for Fall Festival on October 31, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Travis Harrison, Applicant. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) Special Event Permit for Grady County Relay for Life at Davis Park on May 6, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. - Jackie Pearson, Applicant. After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the event, seconded by Councilman Gwaltney, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Re-Certification as a Certified City of Ethics. After review, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the resolution for re-certification, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Resolution and Agreement for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Reimbursement Application (\$7,038.00). After review, motion was made by Councilman Cloud to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement for reimbursement, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Mayor Burns asked for motion to approve the Agenda with an Addendum to Consider a Transportation Enhancement Agreement. Motion to amend the agenda was made by Councilman Cloud, seconded by Councilman Douglas, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

Water Tank Request for Proposals and 5-Year Contract Agreements for Maintenance. City Manager Addleton reported that three proposals were received for a water tank rehabilitation and maintenance program: 1.) U.S. Tank, Inc. - \$408,075.00, 2.) Tank Pro,

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Inc. - \$429,544.00; and 3.) American Tank - \$569,554.00. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, U. S. Tank, Inc. It was requested that the address of the tank near Washington Middle School be changed in the agreement from 14th St. to 13th St., SW. Director Stokes advised that rehab of the inside and outside of the Hilltop tank would be first on the list, and the lettering “CAIRO” would also be added. By setting up the multi-year schedule, it should keep the cost lower and provide regular maintenance; and the same company would be going back over its own work. The question was asked if the Council could enter into a 5-year plan, with Attorney Lehman responding that a future Council may ratify the plan. Motion to award the bid to U. S. Tank, Inc. was made by Councilman Douglas, seconded by Councilman Cloud, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present. Motion was also made by Councilman Douglas to approve the agreements and authorize Mayor Burns to execute them on behalf of the City. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gwaltney and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1.) Addendum:

Updated Transportation Enhancement Construction Agreement between DOT and the City for the Downtown Streetscape Project on South Broad Street.

The construction cost estimate of \$758,891.00 had been authorized for the project, with the DOT responsible for 80% (\$607,112.80) and the City responsible for costs exceeding the 80%, with a minimum contribution of 20% (\$151,788.20). If the project cost went over, the eligibility for up to \$700,000.00 would still be eligible for reimbursement after project completion. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Douglas to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Councilman Gilliard, and passed unanimously by all Council Members present.

2.) Reports:

a. Departmental Reports for September 2015: Reports were reviewed without comment.

b. City Manager Addleton:

Informed the Mayor and Council that the City had received notice from EPD last week that the second quarter drinking water test for contaminants had shown slightly higher than acceptable levels for Arsenic which would require that notice be given to the public. The City's test showed 11 parts per billion (ppb), with the acceptable standard now being 10 ppb, but did not require any corrective actions by the public. The City's new water treatment facility with Arsenic removal capability, currently under construction with completion expected by next fall, would eliminate the problem. A mass mailing would go out to water customers, and notices would be posted in conspicuous locations. A meeting was scheduled for October 13th with various public entities to relay the facts surrounding this violation. He added that the more recent third quarter results had shown that the standard for Arsenic had not been exceeded.

c.) Reports from Mayor and Council:

Mayor Burns presented pictures of a small house, and another in the process of being built, that was to be used for residences. He stated that they did not meet the proper setback

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footages. He requested that the Planning Commission address the minimum house size requirement for a residential lot and make a recommendation to the Council.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BURNS, SR., MAYOR

CAROLYN B. LEE, CITY CLERK