

CITY OF HAHIRA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2020
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Patrick Warren, Terry Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Davis

OATH OF OFFICE:

A. COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 2

B. COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 3

Mayor Cain did the swearing in ceremony for District 2 and District 3.

COUNCIL ELECTION-MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Cain asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to nominate Councilman Warren which was**

seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor Cain read the assignments to Council.

Councilman Davis-Parks/Recreation, Streets and Nutrition

Councilman Barfield – Fire department, Planning and Zoning

Councilman Benjamin-Police department

Mayor Pro Tem Warren-Water/Sewer and Sanitation

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. DECEMBER 3, 2019- WORK SESSION

B. DECEMBER 5, 2019-COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mark Lampert of 550 W Stanfill Street stated that he is here again about Stanfill being on the pave list. The traffic is getting worse and the pot holes on the sides of the road are very bad, two cars meet and they have to straddle the holes. Please investigate that road. I also think there needs to be a 15 miles per hour sign on that road with the curve, it is 30 miles per hour now.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Warren made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. HAHIRA SQUARE FOUNTAIN (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that we have funding for a fountain from a family that has deep roots in Hahira, The Parrotts. They would like a monument to honor the Parrotts and we should receive the funds in a few weeks. We can advertise for this in the Square project bid. The thought was a fountain in center of the entrance to the park. We have given you prices and I have Keith Barrett here to discuss this with you so that we can come to an agreement. Mr. Barrett said I know the price is shocking. It is from Georgia Fountain Company. This would include the 8 foot fountain, planter wall, basin and pipes installed. This was a donation to the City and we need to look at it and decide what we want to do. Councilman Davis said the estimate includes all the installation, fountain and piping, this is a lot of different things that this price covers. Councilman Barfield said he would reach out to the Parrotts, run this all by them. Barrett stated we have drawings for the project to start with, the design can be changed and it can be more or less the same amount of money. The bid will open on January 28th and will close on February 13th. We will have a Special Called Meeting on February 14th for the bid opening.

B. TELECOM SERVICES (IT PROVIDER)

Jason Bellflower the IT provider for the City said we are comparing Apples to Apples. We have Fred Buescher from Hargrave here and Mr. Dent from Windstream here if have questions. City Manager Sumner stated that we had documents come in after Tuesday night and they have been reviewed by City Attorney and Mr. Bellflower. Mr. Bellflower stated that he recommends Windstream, he has worked with them before but he has never worked with Hargrave. Windstream would be \$51.95 per month. It would be on a fixed rate status for the length of the contract. Windstream can do this in 90 days for less. **Mayor Pro Tem Warren made a motion to approve Windstream which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Warren, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

C. CIITY HALL 2ND FLOOR HVAC-SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated the HVAC on the 2nd floor at City Hall is not working. There are quotes in your packet. The low bid is Coombs Heating and Air at \$3,218.00 and would be paid out of SPLOST VII. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve Coombs Heating and Air which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INCODE CONFERENCE –ADMIN STAFF**
- B. SURPLUS OLD JET RODDER**
- C. REAPPOINTMENT OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

D. PROVISIONAL BUSINESS LICENSE-ROCKETSHIP (UPS/FED EX SHIPPING-102 N CHURCH STREET

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent agenda. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

REPORTS:

Councilman Benjamin thanked District 1 for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight. I am glad to have Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren back for another term and I am looking forward to another good year. We continue to work on the needs of the City and I thank each one of you for the work that you do. Thank you to all the department heads and employees.

Councilman Davis said that he is happy to serve for the next four years, the last 6 years have been a pleasure. Thank you to the department heads and I look forward to working with them. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Warren and thank you to the people who came out tonight to present their proposals. They were both strong proposals and I appreciate that. I look forward to working with you all.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve District 3 and for the opportunity to be Mayor Pro Tem. We have many difficult decision but we can all work together. The New

City Center project is very exciting and I hope it will all be done before July 4th event. Thank you to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Barfield thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and to the work you guys do. My phone does not ring and that is a good thing, things are getting done.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, we have a great year in the books. Thank you to the department heads and Admin staff. We have a retreat on February 8th coming up at the Depot, everyone is invited. We had a great year FY19 and the numbers prove that. Thank you again.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Thank you to the department heads for another great year. We owe it all to the department heads. 2019 was a great year and 2020 will be even better. Thank you to Jonathan and the staff, it takes them all to keep things going.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURN.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn