

**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**JULY 5, 2022**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Louise White and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, PWD Willie Jones, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief Davis Thompson, Police Chief Terry Davis and MSD Jennifer Price. Councilman Tony Rosatti was not present.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. MAY 31, 2022 WORK SESSION**
- B. JUNE 2, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the bills. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. FUEL SURCHARGE REQUEST (GARBAGE COLLECITON PROVIDER)**

Cary Scarborough with Deep South Sanitation said he met with the Mayor and City Manager regarding the prices of diesel fuel. We need surcharge to help with cost of gas. We would like 13% surcharge. This does not cover the increase but it will help. City Manager Sumner stated that national diesel fuel charge is \$5.72 per gallon which is 88% increase from when the contract was signed. We will have enough to grant this request through the end of the year. We will need to revisit the contract in December and

look at any rate adjustments at that time. The Mayor asked if all the trucks are diesel. Mr. Scarborough said yes. He stated he looked at the Electric trucks but it will be 3 years before they are available and the cost comparison is big. The trucks we have are about \$300,000 and the new trucks would be about \$800,000. City Manager Sumner stated I think the fund can sustain us for now, trash has been \$12.25 for the past 16 years which is cheaper than many. Mr. Scarborough thanked the Mayor and Council for consideration in this matter.

**B. PLACEMENT OF HONEYBEE MONUMENT-SPLOST VIII (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price said the cost of decorative pad to place the bee on would be \$15,000 per quote from Altman and Barrett. Mayor Pro Tem Davis said I thought we had decided to just put on concrete pad at the square. Maybe Public works could just do concrete pad with bricks are around it. The Mayor said we will have to see we can come up with and bring it back to Council.

**C. IT CONTRACT RENEWAL (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is time to renew the IT Contract and the cost will be \$27,000 which is \$4,000 more than last year. We do have a few more stations now. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

**D. AUTHORIZATION TO BID PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING METAL FRAME (JIMMY CONE)**

Jimmy Cone was asked to get cost estimate for concrete slab for new Public works building and steel frame with roof. The cost of the concrete slab is \$8-10 dollars per square foot and we have 3,437 square foot. The cost would be about \$39,000. I got a cost estimate from Elite Structures in Adel, Ga for the metal building which is about \$85,000. The total would be \$124,800 and the time frame is about 6 weeks out. City Manager Sumner stated this is a different approach. We put this out for bid before and the turn key bid was rejected and it was decided to look at it again. The City would be the General contractor under the supervision of the Mayor and would sub contract it out piece by piece. The original bid was \$402,000.

The City could also use tax ID number to get tax free materials and this would help. The Mayor has the credentials and I think this is the way to go.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price stated the fee for fountain maintenance would be \$3,000 per year with Clearwater Pools. This would be bi-weekly cleaning and filters. Councilman Barfield said I think we need to put signs up about dogs in the fountain, this can damage the pump. MSD Price stated we are still waiting on the lights, I am not sure when they will be in, this will be the final step in a long journey.

**B. MAIN STREET BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price stated we have a vacancy on the Main Street Board, Morgan Davis resigned. We had three names submitted and would like to appoint Christie Bassett to the board.

**C. SMITH PARK GAZEBO REPAIR-RONNIE MASHBURN-SPLOST VIII (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated the Gazebo at Smith Park is need of repair. The quote from Ronnie Mashburn is in your packet to redo the Gazebo.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**