

Council Meeting
April 9, 1998

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Council Bob Harris, Arnold Williams, Beverly Martin and Jesse Griffin; City Manager, Scott Purvis; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams gave the invocation. Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Council Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5, 1998, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Griffin made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Swearing in of Police Officers: Mayor Adams swore in Jason Figarola as Police Patrolman and John Davis as Dispatcher/Jailer.

Mayor Adams announced that Sgt. Cedric Phillips, who was not present, had been recognized for 10 years of service to the city and was to be presented with a plaque. Plaque was given to Chief Blue, who would give it to Sgt. Phillips later.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

A. Transfer of alcohol license for Holiday Market: City Manager reported that the Holiday Markets of Georgia had requested a transfer of the alcohol license and that he recommended approval of their request. Council Harris made a motion to approve City Manager's request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

B. Computer update GCIC - Police Department: City Manager stated that the Police Department needed a new computer for the GCIC. Cost would be \$695.00 and would have a three year warranty. The money is in the budget. Council Martin made a

motion that the Police Department receive the necessary equipment, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

C. Contract with Department of Corrections for state prisoners: City Manager reported that the contract would be up in June and the city would have 60 days to renew. After talking with the City Attorney on the new contract, City Manager made a decision to recommend tabling it. Council Griffin made a motion to table it, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

D. CAP - A study (revisited): City Manager reported that Environmental Specialists would do the test for \$12,660. Geo Sciences would do the work for \$11,300.00. He recommended Geo Sciences. Council Griffin made a motion to go with the lesser (Geo Sciences), seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

E. Advertisement in Visitors and Newcomer's Guide: City Manager reported that advertising would cost \$1,600. Council Williams made a motion to advertise in the Visitors and Newcomer's Guide, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

F. Donation and Support for Celebration of Troops returning to Moody Air Force Base: City Manager reported that there would be a week long celebration for the troops who were returning after being stationed in Saudi. They asked for a donation from the city and participation in the event. A tent will be set up at Grassy Pond on Saturday and the city would have volunteers to work. Council Harris made a motion to give a donation of \$250.00 and to participate, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Martin reported that she had seen no progress on cleaning the drain pipes that were discussed last month. Mayor Adams asked Ms. Martin if she would meet with the City Manager on this. She said yes.

Council Williams welcomed the two new police officers and congratulated Sgt. Cedric Phillips. Council Griffin was in agreement with Council Williams on the Police Department officers and Sgt. Cedric Phillips. He also stated that a state-wide clean-up day would be on Saturday, April 25th and he needed volunteers to help with the flower beds. He asked that everyone keep it clean.

Also three trees arrived this week. Two will be planted downtown and one at the caboose. Council Martin announced that Ms. McKinney, who is on the "Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful" committee, was also available for the clean-up.

Council Harris also stated his appreciation to the Police Department.

Chief Woodrow Blue reported on a case in which the police arrested a man on drug charges. Around \$10,000 in cash was taken in the arrest.

City Manager reported that on Thursday, May 7, the GMA would meet in Quitman. He stated that at least one of the council would need to attend the meeting.

Mayor Adams reported that Jesse Griffin had worked hard on the flower beds and he stated his appreciation for his hard work

Mayor Adams stated that he would like for the city to have a Memorial Day celebration at the Courthouse.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City