

Council Meeting
August 6, 1998

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, August 6, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

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

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

Mayor Adams called on Council Harris for the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum established.

Council Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, June 25, July 9, 11, 14, 18, 20, 1998, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

(A) Smith Park resolution: Mayor Adams read resolution from the DNR. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Police Department equipment purchase request: Police Chief Blue reported that the Police Department had received a grant for \$5,000.00 for a video camera for one of the police cars. He asked for Council's approval for \$2,600.00 to purchase a digital camera for \$599, combination fax-copier-scanner for \$499, security system for City Hall for \$1,310.97, a VCR for \$199, box of tapes for \$100. This would come from capital outlays. Council Martin made a motion to purchase the surveillance equipment for the police cars, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Request for joint funding of brochure with Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority: Mayor Adams stated that the funding for the brochure would

be divided between the city, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority at a cost of about \$2,000 each. Council Griffin made a motion to enter request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Purchase request for replacement furniture and small refrigerator for City Hall: Mayor Adams reported that furniture and a small refrigerator for City Hall would cost \$2800.00. Council Harris made a motion to purchase as described, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Purchase request city pin re-order: Mayor Adams reported that they needed to re-order the pins. Cost for the re-order would be \$1,196.00. Council Williams made a motion to purchase the pins, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Drainage improvements on East Park Street: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported that the ditch in front of Ms. Ruth Reddy's property had been a problem for some time and now it was beginning to deteriorate the road. He proposed that the city build two catch basins, one on each end, and install a 30" plastic pipe and backfill it in. Cost would be between \$4,600 and \$4,700. Council Griffin made a motion to proceed, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Proposal to extend water main on Highway 122 West: Mayor Adams reported on extending the water from the motel to Frank's Creek for the new industrial park and he asked for council's approval. The cost would be \$17,495. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Engineering Service Agreement with Stevenson and Palmer Engineering, Inc.: Mayor Adams recommended entering in the contract for wastewater treatment plant improvements. Council Harris made a motion to enter as described, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Set date of Saturday, September 12, 1998 for excess, abandoned and confiscated equipment. Mayor reported on the sale date. Council Griffin made a motion to have the sale on Saturday, September 12, 1998, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Martin reported that Ms. Fannie McCann had asked if the city could put a street light near her house on Wright Street as it was very dark. Mayor Adams stated that he and Council Martin would go one night and look at the area. She also reported on a drain problem on Sargent Street and near Newsom Street.

Council Williams expressed his appreciation to the city for cutting down an old oak tree on S. Nelson St.

Council Griffin stated that the new ice cream parlor had opened on West Main Street.

Council Harris had no report but stated his appreciation for Mayor Adams work as interim City Manager and the work he has done at City Hall in helping with the renovations.

Mayor Adams reported that the Better Home Town Program meeting would be on August 27 and he urged everyone that could go to attend.

Mayor Adams stated that he received official notification from the Governor that the Historical Society Grant was awarded.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City