

**Hahira Council Meeting
December 9, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, December 9, 1999, at 7:30 PM at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams, and Beverly Martin; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Public Utilities Director, John R. Thursby.

Mayor Adams opened the meeting with the invocation given by Council Williams.

Mayor Adams led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Griffin motioned to approve the Called Council Meetings on Oct. 28th and Nov. 18th, and the regular Council Meeting on November 4th, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

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

Old Business:

Council Williams withdrew motion that was tabled last month which recommended increasing the Mayor's salary to \$6,000, and increasing Council's salary to \$2,000 each.

New Business:

(A) Personnel issues

Mayor Adams stated that previously the Council had approved a part-time employee as the Better Home Town Program Director, one employee for the Water/Sewer Department, and one employee for the Street Department. One employee will get a promotion, which will be announced at a later date.

Mayor Adams said there would be changes in the Fire Department training meetings. For training meetings, the amount will be \$15.00 per person, and for six (Saturday) training sessions (120 hrs) the amount will be \$20.00 per person. Also a retirement plan for the Volunteer Fire Department is being worked on.

Mayor Adams stated that differential pay for the Police Department was also approved. Council Griffin made a motion to accept changes as read, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Purchase new computer equipment:

Mayor Adams requested the purchase of computer equipment in the amount of \$9,600.00. The money to purchase items with would come from 1996 Capital Outlays in the Fire and Police Departments. Council Williams made a motion to purchase all four items, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Motion was tabled.

(C) Employees Christmas Bonus and Sick Leave Pay:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval for the Christmas Bonuses, Fire Department, Council members and Sick Leave pay. Total amount \$15,000.00. Council Harris made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Department Requests:

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, requested approval of a new building on S Hall Street. He recommended Cliff Revill to do the work at a cost of \$12,450.00. After discussion, Council decided to wait until next month and discuss the request.

Police Chief, Woodrow Blue, requested the purchase of two items - One was for a Police Officer training software package at a cost of \$600.00. The other request was for a Police Personnel scheduling software package at a cost of \$579.00. Total cost \$1,179.00. Council Griffin made a motion to accept Chief Blue's request, seconded by Council Martin. After discussion, Motion was tabled.

Chief Blue also requested purchasing winter jackets for the Police Department at a cost of \$650.00, Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue requested purchasing a digital camera. The funds would come from grant monies. Council Harris made a motion to allow Chief Blue to use the grant money to purchase the camera, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Appointment to "Keep Lowndes County Beautiful" Committee:

Mayor Adams reported that the Council needed to nominate two people for the Committee. Council Griffin made a motion to present Dee Knox and Mary Ingram as

nominees to the Commission, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Approve Freeport Exemption Resolution ;

City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution. Council Harris made a motion to adopt the resolution as read, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Approve signing contract with Stevenson and Palmer Engineering for services related to CDBG Project:

Mayor Adams reported on the contract. Council Griffin made a motion to enter contract, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Approve proposal to repair Fire Department building:

Mayor Adams reported that a proposal from John Kraholik for the repairs was \$2,250.00 and he recommended accepting the bid. Council Griffin made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Council Harris. Councils Harris, Griffin and Martin voted yes. Council Williams abstained. Motion carried.

Council's reports:

Council Martin had no report.

Council Williams stated that this was his last meeting and it had been an honor to serve on the Council.

Council Griffin thanked all citizens and city employees who participated in decorating downtown for Christmas.

Council Harris stated that he enjoyed being Councilman and the new year would be a new beginning. He also spoke about Council Williams as a true hero who had served his country.

City Manager, Susan Doner, expressed regrets on Council Williams leaving. She also mentioned the new handrails at City Hall.

Mayor Adams called Chief Blue to come forward. Lt. Terry Davis and Sgt. Cedric Phillips were given the "Good Works Gift".

Mayor Adams presented Councilman Williams with a plaque for his 4 years of service to the city. Council Harris read a proclamation declaring Thursday, December 16th as "Arnold Williams Day".

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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