

Council Meeting

February 10, 2000

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order. He called on Council Harris to give the invocation, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2000 as read, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Mr. Steve Barnes of Moody Air Force Base presented the City with a plaque in recognition of the City's support. Council Harris accepted the plaque on behalf of the City of Hahira.

(B) Agenda Requests:

(1) Ms. Adeline Landrum requested approval to block two streets during the next Honey Bee Festival. The streets are South Marshall from Hwy 122 to W. Lawson Street, and North Lowndes from B. J. Miley Street to W. Lawson Street. She also requested participation of City employees and use of the sidewalks. Department Heads will be invited to attend Honey Bee Committee meetings. Council Griffin made a motion to allow the use of the streets and close N. Lowndes and S. Marshall Streets for the festival, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(2) Members of the Teen Explosion asked Mayor and Council for a proclamation of "Drug Free Day" in Hahira for March 18, 2000. There will be a rally at the Middle School, followed by basketball games of teens who take the Drug Free Pledge. They requested Mayor and Council to serve as honorary referees for the basketball games.

(C) Proposal from Gary Zeigler, CPA, P.C., to provide monthly services:

Mayor Adams requested entering in proposal and to use Gary Zeigler, CPA, P.C. for monthly services. This will be on a trial basis. Council Harris made a motion to enter into the proposal, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Councils Harris and Hunnicutt voted yes. Council Griffin abstained. Motion passed.

(D) Adoption of GMA's Certified City of Ethics Resolution:

Mayor Adams read the resolution that was adopted in December. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the Code of Ethics, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Proposal from Utility Service Co., Inc. for water tank maintenance:

Public Works Director, John Thursby, recommended entering in agreement with Utility Service Co., Inc. to clean and repair the water tanks. Cost would be \$1,850 for each water tank. Council Harris made a motion to enter in the agreement as recommended by Public Works Director, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Proposal for alarm system for wells:

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported on two bids for the alarm system. One from Cowart Electric for \$1,675.00 and the other was from Action Alarms. He recommended Cowart Electric's bid. Council Griffin made a motion to install the alarm system, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Facade lighting for the four city entrance signs:

Mayor Adams requested the lighting for the four entrance signs, which would cost \$64.16 monthly. Council Griffin made a motion to install the lighting, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Resolution to support 2000 Census and Census Day, April 1, 2000:

City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution, designating April 1, 2000 as Census Day. Council Harris made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read by City Manager, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Proposal to repair Courthouse:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval of a proposal to repair the courthouse at a cost of \$7,560.00. Council Harris made a motion to enter the proposal as read by Mayor Adams, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Proposal to change name of Randall Street Recreation Center to Hahira Community Center; and replace sign:

Mayor Adams requested approval to change the name of the Recreation Center to Hahira Community Center and to change the sign. Cost of the new sign would be \$1,088.73. Council Griffin made a motion to change it to Hahira Community Center and to put up a new sign, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams stated that he had been looking into getting a seal for Hahira. This will be brought up at a later date.

(K) Black History Month Proclamation:

Mayor Adams read the Proclamation designating February as Black History Month.

(L) Historic Preservation Commission Nominees:

Mayor Adams asked about nominees to the Historic Preservation Commission and Chairman of the Commission. No nominees have been made at this time. Mayor Adams decided to table this until the next meeting.

(M) Revisit purchase of city pins:

Mayor Adams requested the city purchase 1200 pins at a cost of \$1,512.00. Council Harris made a motion to go with 1200 pins, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

(N) Request for proposals to rewire City Hall:

Mayor Adams reported on the need to upgrade the wiring at City Hall and increase the size of the air conditioning unit in the Police Department. Council Harris made a motion to advertise the proposals, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(O) Approve engineering firm preparing plans for new water storage tank to submit with GEFA grant application:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to proceed with negotiations with the city's engineering firm to design the system. Council Harris made a motion to let the Mayor and City Manager proceed, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for approval of the bills. Council Harris made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Council Hunnicutt made a motion to empower the City Manager to pay the bills every two weeks, seconded by Council Harris.

Council Harris had no report but was concerned that this meeting could be Council Griffin's last Council Meeting. Mayor Adams asked Council Griffin to come to the next month's meeting.

Council Griffin had no report.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

City Manager, Susan Doner, reported that someone from the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce would come and make a presentation on the Census 2000 on Monday, February 28th at 7:00 P.M. at the Courthouse.

Arbor Day ceremony will be on February 18th at the Middle School.

Mayor Adams reported that the city would be clearing trees and the planter in City Park. New flowers will be put in the planter in the City Park and at all entrance planters.

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

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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