

Council Meeting February 7, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; City Manager, Danny Lucas; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Better Hometown Program Director, Bonnie Tindall; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mayor Crowe called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Council Terry Benjamin. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the January 3rd, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Crowe asked Council if there were any questions on the bills. There were none.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Department Requests:

1. Police Department - Lease/Purchase Police Cruisers

Chief Terry Davis requested approval to lease/purchase three (3) new patrol cars. This is a budgeted item. The low bid was from Clint Brannen Ford Motor Company of Unadilla for \$5,338.21 per quarter for three years. Council Nelson made a motion to accept the bid for the Ford cars, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

B. Consent Agenda:

1. Work Session, Council & Town Hall Meeting dates for year 2002

Mayor Crowe reported that the Town Hall Meetings would be on March 4, June 3, September 9, and December 2. (List attached)

2. Repair Courthouse Termite Damage

Mayor Crowe called on City Manager, Danny Lucas, to report on the termite damage. Costs to repair the damage would be \$4,685.50, which would include repairs inside the courthouse.

3. Contract Change Orders - City Hall Renovations
Mayor Crowe reported on the change order.

4. 2nd Floor Renovation - City Hall

Mayor Crowe reported that the Better Hometown Program Director, Bonnie Tindall's office would be moved upstairs at City Hall. This would include dividing the upstairs into two spaces, one for the BHT office and one to be used as storage. The remaining part of room could be used as a break room for city employees. The low bid of \$3900.00 was issued by John Kraholic.

5. Change Utility Payment Due Date

Mayor Crowe proposed changing the due date on water bills to the 15th.

6. Adopt CDBG Property Acquisition Standards

City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported on the CDBG Property Acquisition Standards. He stated that any program that is federally funded has to have certain requirements. This action would give Mayor authority to execute necessary documents.

7. Transfer Water/Sewer Revenue Account to Commercial Banking Company

Mayor Crowe recommended transferring the Water/Sewer Revenue Account to Commercial Banking Company.

8. 2002 Arbor Day Proclamation
Mayor Crowe read the Proclamation which declares Feb. 15, 2002 as Arbor Day in the City of Hahira.

9. Transportation Enhancement (TEA) Project STP-0002-00 Hahira Pedestrian Facilities Contract
City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported that this is a federal project funded by the state. The Streetscape Project Phase I was completed, which was for sidewalks, landscaping and lighting from North Church Street and Main Street to Railroad Street. Phase II will include sidewalks, landscaping and lighting from Railroad Street to Newsom Street. The total value of the contract is \$437,500.00. \$350,000.00 will come from the Department of Transportation, \$87,500.00 will be the city's share.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the 9 items as discussed, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

A. Better Home Town - Manager's Report

BHT Program Director, Bonnie Tindall, presented the logo for the BHT Program. The design was produced by the University of Georgia. She sent in three reports last year. Also reported that there would be an egg hunt on March 23rd at the Pick-In park. Arbor Day will be next Friday at Hahira Middle School at 2:00 P.M. Open House at City Hall will be next Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., with a ribbon cutting at 2:30 P.M. Ms. Tindall reported on the Nutrition Program.

B. Council Appointment of Three (3) Downtown Development Authority Board Members

The Downtown Development Authority submitted seven names to Council to fill three positions. Each Council member selected three from list of seven. The three names with the most votes were recommended to fill positions. Mayor Crowe recommended Mr. H. M. Barfield, Gwen Couch and Marshal Ingram for nomination to the DDA and called for a motion. Council Bullard made a motion to accept his recommendation, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

C. Consideration to Contract Custodial Services

City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported that there were four (4) bids received. Mayor Crowe recommended Mike Dane Enterprises to do the custodial work and called for a motion. Council Benjamin made a motion to let Mike Dane Enterprises do the custodial work, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

D. Consideration to Purchase Courthouse Audio System

Mayor Crowe reported on two proposals for the audio system and recommended the bid from Rutland's of Valdosta for \$4,685.00. He called on a motion to let Rutland's do the work and to use the \$2,000.00 that was donated by the Honey Bee Committee and the balance to come from SPLOST funds. Council Bullard made a motion to allow Rutland's to install the audio system, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Reports:

A. Council:

Councilman Terry Benjamin had no report but mentioned going to the GMA Conference in Atlanta was very informative.

Council Hunnicutt had no report but also stated the same about the GMA Conference.

Council Bullard reported that the city was working on the ditches.

Council Nelson stated that he enjoyed working with the Fire Chief and Police Chief and had learned a lot from them.

B. City Manager:

City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported on the water tank to be built at the new North Lowndes Recreational Facility.

The city sent out letters for the open house at City Hall to be held on February 17th from 2-4 PM.

C. Mayor:

Mayor Myron Crowe reported that he enjoyed attending Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta, learning about city work and fellowship with other officials.

Feb. 17 will be Open House at City Hall; March 4 will be a Town Hall Meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Crowe asked for a motion for adjournment regular meeting and ask Council to enter into a executive session. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Myron Crowe, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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