

Council Meeting

October 10, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, October 10, 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, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; 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 Mayor Crowe. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the September 12, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

Public Hearing

A. HA-2002-05 Variance Request by H. M. Barfield

Ms. Loretta Riggins, Current Planner from the Planning Commission, reported that H. M. Barfield requested a variance to the front yard setback requirement in a Highway Commercial (C-H) zoning district. Property is located at 107 S. Church Street and contains a restaurant, church and two Laundromats. He is proposing to build a 17'X20' addition on the front of the existing restaurant to be used as a dining area. The ordinance requires 75' from the centerline of the right-of-way and the applicant is requesting a 36' variance to be eligible to construct this addition. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe asked Council if they had any questions. No response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the variance to speak. There was no response.

He asked for those against the variance to speak. There was no response.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the variance request, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

B. HA-2002-06 Rezoning Request by Ellis Shiver

Ms. Riggins reported that Ellis Shiver is requesting to rezone 0.83 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Light Manufacturing (M-1). Property is located at 400 Lawson Street at the southeast intersection of North Hall Street and West Lawson Street. The property currently contains a large commercial warehouse. Applicant is proposing to construct two rows of mini-warehouses on the west side of the property, next to Hall Street. Staff recommendation recommends approval. The Planning Commission reviewed this request and found it "inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan" and recommended denial.

Mayor Crowe asked Council if they had any questions. Council Hunnicutt asked why did it keep getting denied? Ms. Riggins stated that they based their decision on the comprehensive plan. They give their recommendation on land use only.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the zoning request to speak. Mr. Ellis Shiver, Four Post Point, Valdosta, GA., asked Council to table this until next month when he can bring some drawings of his plans.

Council Nelson made a motion to table it until next month, seconded by Council Benjamin. Councils Bullard, Nelson and Hunnicutt voted yes. Council Benjamin voted no. Motion passed.

Old Business

A. Balance of Community Home Investment Program Grant

Mayor Crowe reported that in a meeting with Marty Lefiles and Mike Morgan, they requested to close the grant at this time and reopen it at a later date when there are more applicants.

Council Bullard made a motion to close the grant at this time and reapply for it at a later date when there are more applicants, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

New Business

A. Oath of New Police Officer - Brian Jennings

New Police Officer, Brian Jennings, was administered the oath of office by Mayor Crowe.

B. Adoption of Resolution to adopt the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, read the resolution. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

C. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

City Manager, Tindall, read the proclamation, with Mayor Crowe reading the last few lines. He asked for Chief Davis to come forward and sign the proclamation.

D. Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week

City Manager, Tindall, read the proclamation, with Mayor Crowe reading the last few lines. He asked Fire Chief, J. C. Plair, to come forward and sign the proclamation.

E. Discussion of Proposal for Disinfection of WWTP Cell Effluent

Public Works Director, John Thursby, requested having a meeting with Mr. Rehaus and Mr. Jeffrey Larson. Council Bullard made a motion to request an audience with Mr.

Rehaus and Mr. Larson, seconded by Council Benjamin.
Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda

- A. Execute Governor's Discretionary Grant for \$12,000 for Streetscape Improvements

Mayor Crowe reported that the city received \$12,000 from the Governor's Discretionary grant, which will be used for the Streetscape Improvement program. Senator Tim Golden and State Representative Jay Shaw were instrumental in helping the city acquire the grant.

- B. Execute Contract for Park Street Project - PR 8531-9 (185) from the Georgia Department of Transportation

Mayor Crowe asked Council for approval to execute the contract.

- C. Execute Grant from Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Police Chief, Terry Davis, asked for permission to spend \$5,000 grant from the GOHS.

- D. Execute Contract for Cost Estimate for Monitoring Only Plan for Hahira City Hall for Documented Petroleum Release from Geosciences, Inc.

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported on the contract, which would be for one year.

- E. Accept Check for \$537.40 to Better Hometown Program from former Hahira Merchant Association

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that Mr. D. K. Hollis at Citizens Community Bank, asked the city to close this account and to give the money to the Better Hometown Program. In the event that the Hahira Merchant Association is re-established, the money will be returned to them.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Council Reports

Council Benjamin welcomed Brian Jennings to the Hahira Police Department. He also mentioned that the sidewalks looked good.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard also welcomed Brian Jennings. He stated that the streets were looking good.

Council Nelson also welcomed Brian Jennings to the Hahira Police Department. Another house is being built in Audubon Heights subdivision.

City Manager report

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, read a letter from Dr. Steve Smith, Lowndes County School Superintendent, thanking the Mayor for his work in Community Partners in Education.

She also read a letter from Commissioner Rod Casey, thanking the mayor for the gift that was sent.

City Manager mentioned a letter from Ms. Star from Valdosta, thanking the Honey Bee Festival Committee on the festival and parade.

City Manager read a letter from Ms. Debra Taylor, Teacher of the Year, thanking Mayor Crowe and Council for the plaque that was presented to her.

City Manager commended Ms. Adeline Landrum and the Honey Bee Festival Committee for a job well done.

City Manager welcomed back to work, Freddie Lawrence, Jr.

Mayor's report

Mayor Crowe welcomed Brian Jennings to the HPD.

He stated that he was glad to see Freddie Lawrence, Jr. back on the job.

He welcomed Councilman Nelson's wife, Nora, back home after having surgery, and stated that his prayers and thoughts were with them.

He thanked Ms. Adeline Landrum and Ms. Mamie Sorrell for the Honey Bee Festival and for all of the work that they have done.

Mayor Crowe asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Brady, City Clerk

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