

Council Meeting

December 5, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, December 5, 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.

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

Mayor Crowe called on Council Hunnicutt to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Mr. Wilmon Stanley. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the November 4, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Report from Better Hometown Manager for Holiday Open House and Parade

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that Lana Hall, BHT Director, was sick. She asked citizens to pick up a copy of the Open House and Parade information flyer, also John Adams has put the advertisement on the Hahira Web site. Open House will be on Saturday, December 14, from 2-5. Parade will be at 2:00. Refreshments will be at the caboose with Santa present. Mayor and Ms. Crowe will have Open House at their home from 3-5 PM.

B. Award Bid for Purchase of Vehicle for Administration

Mayor Crowe reported that there were 9 bids received with Valdosta Motors being the low bidder at \$10,000 for a Mercury

Sable. Council Benjamin made a motion to go with Valdosta Motors, seconded by Council Nelson. Councils Nelson, Bullard and Benjamin voted yes. Council Hunnicutt voted no. Motion carried.

(C) Public Works Department Request - Purchase of Service Vehicle

Public Works Director, John Thursby, stated that they would like to replace two older trucks that have just come from the shop. He found one for \$600 and another for \$1,500. He turned out bids for a one-ton chassis truck. They received four bids with Beck Motors being the lowest bid at \$17,958.00 for a 2003

One-Ton GMC truck. Council Bullard made a motion to purchase the truck, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

D. Council Approval of Award of Bid for Park Street CDBG Project

Mayor Crowe reported that there were three bids received and Standard Contractors was the low bidder. Council Bullard made a motion to accept the low bid from Standard Contractors, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Repairs for City Vehicles - Nutrition, Public Works, Fire Departments

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that two city trucks were repaired. The old nutrition car's transmission needs to be repaired.

Fire Chief, J. C. Plair, reported that the old fire truck rebuilt motor was \$3,100.00.

B. Public Works Department Request - Purchase of Water Meters

PWD, Thursby, requested the city purchase 200 water meters. This is for the ongoing water meter replacement program. The city can use SPLOST funds for this.

C. Appointment of Chief Terry Davis as Safety Coordinator

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that Chief Terry Davis has agreed to be the Safety Coordinator for the City of Hahira. This is a requirement of the GMA, which will help the city in getting grants.

Chief Davis reported that the Police Department had received a defibrillator on loan from South Georgia Medical Center, which the city can use until a defibrillator can be acquired through a grant. Police

personnel have already been trained on the use of the equipment.

D. Police Department Request for Chief to Attend the Winter Chiefs' Training Conference

Chief Davis reported that he is required to have 20 hours management training. This will cost around \$450.00 and will be reimbursed for up to \$385.00 from GACP.

E. Resolution for Pre-Authorized Debit for GEFA Loan Payments

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, read the resolution.

F. Ordinance for Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Master Plan and Adoption Agreement

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, stated that this ordinance was an amendment to the retirement plan for the City of Hahira.

G. Approval of Employees Excess Sick Leave

H. Approval to pay Employee Christmas Bonuses

I. Approval to pay Hahira Volunteer Fire Department

J. Approval to pay Mayor and Council 2002 Year Salary

Mayor Crowe reported that the Christmas Bonuses, Fire Department Volunteers, and Mayor/Council salaries would be paid on December 6. The Sick Leave would be paid on December 13.

K. Christmas Dinner for City Employees and Elected Officials

Mayor Crowe reported that the Christmas Dinner would be on Monday, December 23 at 6-8 PM. Also Mayor/Council discussed giving Christmas Eve and Christmas Day off for city employees.

L. Dates for 2003 Council Work Sessions, Council Meetings, Town Hall Meetings, and Holidays

Mayor Crowe reported that the Town Hall Meetings will be held after the regular Council Meetings.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Motion amended to leave Work Session and Council Meeting as stated, but to discuss the Town Hall Meeting next month. Vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

A. Council

Council Benjamin reported that we were making progress on the sidewalks. Bids will be in on the Park Street project soon,

He wished everyone the best of holidays.

Council Hunnicutt also wished everyone the best of holidays.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Nelson wished everyone happy holidays. He reported that there were three houses being built in Audubon Heights subdivision.

B. City Manager

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, wished everyone happy holidays.

C. Mayor

Mayor Crowe invited everyone for Open House at his and Ms. Crowe's home at 109 S. Webb Street on December 14 from 3-5 PM.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Brady, City Clerk

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Called Council Meeting

December 23, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in a Called Meeting on Monday, December 23, 2002 at 5:30 PM at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; City Manager, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Police Chief, Terry Davis; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

ABSENT: Council Hunnicutt.

City Attorney, Willie Linahan reported on the L.O.S.T. arbitration. He stated that Hahira would receive 1.42 for the next 10 years instead of 1.48 as currently receiving.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the Certificate of Distribution, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Bullard motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk

Budget Hearing

December 30, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met for a Budget Hearing on Monday, December 30, 2002 at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Terry Benjamin, M. C. Nelson, and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady.

Mayor Crowe reported that the purpose of the meeting was to amend the Budget of 2002.

Public Hearing

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported on the changes to the 2002 Budget. She also included the Nutrition Program car expense. Council discussed getting a transmission for the Nutrition car at a cost of \$500.00. This will be brought up at the next work session.

Other expenses were for vehicle repairs in the Water/Sewer/Sanitation Departments.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone in favor of amending the budget? No response.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone against amending the budget? No response.

Council Nelson made a motion to amend the budget as City Manager has presented, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

End

6:13 PM

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk