

Council Meeting

April 3, 2003

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. 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; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

Council Hunnicutt was absent.

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

Mayor Crowe called on Councilman Benjamin, 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 March 6, 2003 Council Minutes. Council Bullard 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.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST

A. Honey Bee Festival Committee – Adeline Landrum – Donations to City

Ms. Adeline Landrum, Chairman of the Honey Bee Festival Committee presented a donation of \$500.00 to the city, and another \$500.00 will be paid later at the start of the Honey Bee Festival.

Mayor Crowe thanked Ms. Landrum for the donation from the Honey Bee Festival Committee.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST

A. Mosquito Control – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that the city was going to distribute some briquettes in standing water around town to kill the mosquito larva. They are also building a sprayer, which will be used in spraying the ditches. Plans are to spray once a month. Council Benjamin made a motion to go ahead with the mosquito control, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

B. Permission to use Casual Labor – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, asked for approval to hire someone for casual labor, which would be a temporary position to replace an employee that is being called to active duty. The city would hire through Quality Employment in Adel. Council Bullard made a motion to grant permission to use casual labor, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

C. Swearing in of Patrol Officer Chris Hopper – Police Department

Mayor Crowe read the oath of office, swearing in Patrolman Chris Hopper.

D. Permission to Bid and Purchase Used Vehicle for Fire Chief – Fire Department

Mayor Crowe asked for Council's permission to purchase a used vehicle for the Fire Chief. This is a budgeted item. Cost of the vehicle would be limited to \$12,000.00. Council Bullard made a motion to look for a vehicle for the Fire Chief, to cost under \$12,000.00, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution for Cities Week

Mayor Crowe called on Public Works Director, John Thursby, to read the Resolution declaring the week of April 20 – 26 as Georgia Cities Week.

B. Proclamation for Teen Explosion's Drug Free Rally and Basketball Tournament

Mayor Crowe called on Michael Warren, representing Teen Explosion, to read the Proclamation. Mayor Crowe read the last paragraph proclaiming April 26, 2003 as Drug Free Day in Hahira and urged all citizens to participate actively in the scheduled events and programs and to work toward the elimination of drug use in our community.

Accept Bid for Courthouse Floors

Mayor Crowe asked Council what were their wishes concerning the courthouse floors. Council Benjamin made a motion to table it until next month, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Permission to Bid Sidewalk and Streetlight Project on west side of North Church Street from Stanfill Street to City Limits

Mayor Crowe asked for Council's approval to put together a bid package. Council Nelson made a motion to bid the Sidewalk and Streetlight Project, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Nelson had no report.

Council Bullard reported that the street lights were lit up and Main Street looked good. He asked Public Works Director, John Thursby, about the ditches.

Council Benjamin welcomed Officer Chris Hopper. He stated that the street lights looked good. He also thanked the former administration for getting the sidewalk project started.

He also thanked the Honey Bee Festival Committee for their donation to the city.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that benches and trash bins have been ordered for Main Street. The patio is being built around the caboose, also the carport for the fire truck.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crowe reported that the Park Street project would be starting sometime this month. He thanked the Honey Bee Festival Committee for their donation. He also welcomed Chris Hopper to the Hahira Police Department. He also thanked Michael Warren for reading the Proclamation.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to enter into an executive session. Council Nelson made a motion to enter into an executive session, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk