

# **Council Meeting**

**June 5, 2003**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, M. C. Nelson and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; City Attorney, Rob Plumb; Better Hometown Director, Ramona Robison.

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

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

## **REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MAY 1, 2003 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

## **REVIEW OF BILLS**

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – CITY OF HAHIRA ZONING ORDINANCES**

### **A. HA-2003-05 Text Amendment for Accessory Structures – Alan Sloan**

Alan Sloan of the Planning Commission reported on the amendment to the Hahira Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory structures. Currently, the ordinance reads, if an accessory structure is attached to the principle structure by a breezeway or covered walkway is still considered an accessory structure. This proposal will allow structures that are attached to the principle structure to be considered part of the principle structure. The proposal also specifies a maximum total number of accessory structures according to lot size. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe called for those in favor of the request to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe called for those in opposition of the request to speak. There was no response.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the text amendment as stated, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

### **B. HA-2003-06 Text Amendment for City of Hahira Zoning Ordinance – State Environmental Minimum Planning Standards – Alan Sloan**

Alan Sloan of the Planning Commission reported that in 1989 Georgia adopted Part V Environmental Planning Standards as part of the States Minimum Local planning Requirements. Additionally in 1991, the Georgia Legislature passed the Georgia Mountains and River Corridor Protection Act, which also dictated additional local minimum environmental planning standards.

These two laws brought forth 3 standards, which would affect various Lowndes County governments, of which Hahira was one. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

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

Mayor Crowe asked for those wishing to speak against the amendment. There was no response.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the State Environmental Minimum Planning Standards Amendment, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

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#### DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

A. Request for Permission to Accept Bids for Rubber Tire Loader Backhoe – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, asked for permission to put out bids for a new rubber tire loader. Council Nelson made a motion to accept bids for the loader, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

B. Request for Addendum to City Code of Ordinances Section 6.5 Plumbing Codes – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby requested an addendum be added to the City Code of Ordinances – Plumbing Codes to be effective June 1, 2003. This would let the City of Hahira require that all water and sewer laterals from the house to the street be inspected by the City of Hahira before water or sewer services are connected.

Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the addendum, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Request for Installation of One Way Sign at Webb Street (Mickey's) and No U Turn Signs – Police Department

Police Chief, Terry Davis, requested the installation of the one-way sign and the No U Turn signs. Council Nelson made a motion to proceed, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Request for Purchase of New Uniforms – Police Department

Police Chief, Davis, requested approval to purchase five new uniforms for the Police Department for an estimated cost of \$3,200.00. This is a budgeted item.

Council Hunnicutt made a motion to purchase the uniforms, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Permission for Chief of Police to Attend the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Training Conference – July 19 – July 23 – Police Department

Police Chief, Davis, requested permission to attend the Summer Training Conference. This is a budgeted item.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

#### OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW FIRE CHIEF

Mayor Crowe introduced Dwight Bennett as the New Fire Chief. Mr. Bennett was sworn in by Mayor Crowe.

A. Request for Bunker Gear, Pagers and SCBA Tanks – Fire Department

Fire Chief, Bennett, requested approval to purchase the bunker gear, pagers and SCBA tanks at a cost of \$36,550.00. Money will come from SPLOST IV funds, which will be reimbursed with grant monies.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase with SPLOST IV funds, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

B. Request for Fourth of July Events – Better Hometown Office

Better Hometown Director, Ramona Robison, requested permission to have a Fourth of July celebration in the city. This is not a budgeted item. She requested half of the funding from the Better Hometown funds and the city pay the other half.

Council Bullard made a motion for the city to pay half and the Better Hometown Program the other half, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

#### RESOLUTION FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL DISTRICT 1 VACANCY

Mayor Crowe asked Attorney Rob Plumb to read the resolution.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to approve the resolution for a special election to fill District 1. Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the resolution for a special election, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous..

#### PERMISSION TO AWARD BIDS TO PROCEED WITH ADA COMPLIANCE OF CITY BUILDINGS

Mayor Crowe asked Council what were their wishes. Council Bullard made a motion to table it, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A. Execution of Certificate of Final Completion and Release of Lien for Pedestrian Facilities

Mayor Crowe stated that this would give him permission to sign the paperwork.

(B) Execution of Change Order No. 1 for Park Street Project

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported on the change order, which was for street and drainage improvements. This was to comply with the D.O.T.

A. Execution of New Contract for Home Delivered Meals

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that the new contract was for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

- B. Execution of LARP Project with the Department of Transportation for Newsome Street and Lowndes Street for 0.317 miles  
C. Approval of New Polling Locations for Municipal Elections

Mayor Crowe asked to take Item E off of Agenda.

- D. Permission to Relocate Three Street Lights on Main Street to One on Barfield Drive and Two on Amber Trail

Mayor Crowe reported on the LARP Project and relocating the three street lights.

Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding Item E, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Crowe called on Mr. John Adams, who is on the Election Board, to explain the new polling locations. Mr. Adams stated that every 10 years, the Election Board reviews the polling places and determines if they meet the criteria. Precinct 1 has approximately 2,000 voters. It was determined that it needed to be split. Precinct lines were redrawn and two other polling places were selected because they met the criteria. These were two churches. The City elections can still be held in the Courthouse. The County polling places will be moved. The new polling places still have to be approved by the Secretary of State's Office and the Justice Department.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the polling places, as stated, and have the municipal elections at the Courthouse when there is not a County or State election, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

## REPORTS

### COUNCIL:

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard welcomed Dwight Bennett as Fire Chief. He stated that he hoped we could get our fire rating in line with the County's and reduce our rates some.

Council Nelson welcomed Ramona Robison and Dwight Bennett. They are building more homes in his district.

## CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, also welcomed Ramona and Dwight.

Tomorrow at 6:30 P.M. there will be a dedication for the Streetscape Project at the Red Caboose. From 6:30 to 7:15 the Milhaus Quartet will sing. At 7:30 the

Mayor's band will play at a Sock Hop in the City Hall Parking Lot. There will also be a classic car show. The 5K Run will be on Saturday morning at 8 A.M. and Market Days at the Caboose.

MAYOR

Mayor Crowe invited everyone to participate in the activities. He also welcomed Ramona and Dwight.

There being no further business to discuss, he called for a motion to adjourn. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk