

**HAHIRA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2005**

Mayor and City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen M. C. Nelson, Wayne Bullard, Temple Ogundu and Terry Benjamin; City Manager/City Clerk, Janice Logue; PWD, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; City Attorney, Rob Plumb; Recorder, Marilyn Brady

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

Mayor Crowe called on Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation given by Mayor Crowe.

Visitors were welcomed.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES: March 3rd COUNCIL MEETING

Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (A) HA-2005-03 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS VARIANCES-SIDE YARD SETBACK; DENSITY VARIANCE; PARKING VARIANCE-CHANCY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Mayor Crowe asked if there were any questions. Council Benjamin asked about the parking variance.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the variances. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the variances. There was no response.

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

- (B) ORDINANCE 05-02 ADOPT GEORGIA STATE MINIMUM STANDARD CODE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Crowe called on City Manager, Janice Logue, to read the ordinance.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the ordinance. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the ordinance. There was no response.

Mr. John Adams, 611 Hodges Street, stated that he was not in opposition, but wanted to know if this was the first reading. Mayor Crowe stated that, it was his understanding that if it is adopted unanimously, that this would be the only reading required.

Mayor Crowe asked if there were any more questions. He then called for a motion from council.

Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Freeman Rivers, 204 S. Hall Street, requested that the city honor Otis McCann, a Hahira citizen, for his dedicated work as a coach with the Boys Club.

He mentioned elected officials having a "Conflict of Interest",

DEPARTMENT REQUEST CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approve Emergency Notification System for UV Lighting

PWD, John Thursby, asked council to approve the UV lighting. Cost would be \$975.00.

- (B) Approve for Contract for Meter Calibration and Maintenance

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval for enter into a contract with GFI Service in Lenox for the calibration and service of the meter. Cost would be \$545.00 quarterly.

- (C) Adopt a Resolution to form a Mutual Aid Resource Pact with the Georgia Mutual Aid Group

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, asked Council to adopt the resolution,

- (D) Approve Chief's Conference in Savannah (July)

Police Chief, Terry Davis, asked for approval to attend the conference. Cost would be \$600.00. 60% to 70% of this could be reimbursed. This is a budgeted item.

(E) Approve Purchase of Metal Detector for Courthouse

Police Chief, Terry Davis, asked for approval to purchase a CS-5000 metal detector at a cost of \$1,895.25 plus \$90.00 freight. This would be paid out of SPLOST.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the Department Request Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

(A) Execute Agreement for City Engineer

PWD, John Thursby, asked Council to execute an agreement with Lovell & Associates to do inspections and review plans on any and all subdivisions in the city.

(B) Execute Purchase Agreement for EMU Pump for Recreation Park (County will reimburse the City for the cost.)

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval to purchase the pump. The County will reimburse the city for the cost of the pump, which the city will maintain.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Council Ogundu requested that the city put out for bids for the city engineer. Councils Bullard, Nelson and Benjamin voted yes. Council Ogundu voted no. Motion passed.

Mayor Crowe asked Mayor Pro Tern, Benjamin, to preside at this time, due to a Conflict of Interest.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURES

PWD, John Thursby, asked for Council's approval to accept the subdivision infrastructures in three areas: Laurelwood Estates, Hagan Bridge Duplexes, and Hall Street Subdivision.

Mayor Pro Tem, Benjamin, called for a motion. Council Nelson made a motion to accept, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

APPROVE MOVING ZONING AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS TO HAHIRA

Mayor Crowe spoke on the zoning and building inspections, which the City of Valdosta has been handling for the City. He asked Council to consider to proceed with advertising for someone who could do building inspections and other duties.

Council Benjamin stated that the city should meet with the Zoning and Building Department to find out more about it.

Council Bullard made a motion to meet with the Zoning and Building Department in Valdosta before we advertise, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

(A) COUNCIL

Council Benjamin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their work.

Council Ogundu had no report.

Council Bullard also thanked the Public Works Department for their work. He mentioned the new Fire Department being constructed.

Council Nelson stated that Saturday would be Clean-Up Day in Hahira and he invited everyone to come.

(B) CITY MANAGER

City Manager/City Clerk, Janice Logue, stated that the Board of Elections would have their meeting on April 11th and invited Council to attend. Commodities would be given out on April 18th at the Courthouse.

(C) MAYOR

Mayor Crowe stated that Clean-Up Day would be on April 9th. and everyone would meet at City Hall at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn.

Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:15 P.M.

Myron Crowe
Mayor

Janice Logue
City Manager/City Clerk

Marilyn Brady
Recorder