

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira met in a regular session on Thursday, September 1, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

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

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. He stated that a quorum was present. He called on PWD, John Thursby, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Mayor Crowe. Mayor Crowe welcomed all visitors.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES: August 1st PUBLIC HEARING/WORK SESSION: August 3rd SPECIAL MEETING: August 4th COUNCIL MEETING: August 8th PUBLIC HEARING: August 10th SPECIAL MEETING: August 16th SPECIAL MEETING: August 24th PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING: July 5th WORK SESSION

Mayor Crowe asked Council if there were any alterations to the minutes. There were none. He then called for a motion to approve the minutes as read.

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

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe stated that Council had reviewed the bills.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Ann Marie Wolff (SGRDC)

Ms. Wolff of SGRDC stated that all of the cities in Lowndes County had a Comprehensive Plan. These are updated every 10 years. The Comprehensive Plan must be adopted by all cities by October 31, 2006. A Public Hearing will be held on September 20th. This will be the first of many. She gave out copies of the third edition of the Comprehensive Plan newsletter. She stated that she would be back from time to time with updates.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (SGRDC) – Public Comment Period

City Manager/City Clerk, Janice Logue, stated that a copy of the Transportation Plan would be at City Hall for citizens to review.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (A) JOINT ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE MINIMUM STANDARD CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION (1ST reading)

City Manager/City Clerk, Janice Logue, read the ordinance (1st reading).

Mayor Crowe asked for those in opposition to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor to speak.

John Adams, 611 Hodges Street, stated that he was in favor of the ordinance.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ms. Rose Adams, 611 Hodges St., stated that grass needed mowing throughout the city. The streets have potholes. She also mentioned the light fixture inside City Hall has been broken for some time and needed to be fixed. There are piles of trash along E. Stanfill Street, in front of the trailer park, that should not be there. The sidewalks are raised from 2 to 3 inches in front of the library. She wanted to know why the city services had declined. She asked Council to represent the citizens, as they were elected to do.

Mr. John Adams, 611 Hodges St., thanked the Council for putting "Citizens to be heard" back on the agenda. He stated that he wanted to talk about Mulberry subdivision. He said that the city did not need that kind of subdivision, that it would be a drain on the city. He also stated that the subdivision regulations are in violation.

Mr. Scott Purvis, 410 N. Church St., announced that he would not be running for election this year as he had planned. He stated that he wanted to run for the Mayor's seat because there has become a true disconnect between the council and the people. There is a groundswell of anger and resentment among the people against this council. This council has lost all respect and confidence from its citizens. He stated that an elected official should have a sense of duty. That means not only doing things right but do the right thing. It also means doing the right thing when nobody is looking. Probably the most important in being an elected official is service. A true public servant serves the people in the community to uplift them at a sacrifice to himself. He stated that he still planned on being involved with Hahira and to help out where he can and to continue to tell council where they are wrong or in error.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approve request for traffic flow changes during school zone hours

Police Chief, Terry Davis, requested making Nelson St. from Main Street to Grace Street, one-way from 3:00 to 3:30 P.M. during school days due to an increase in school traffic.

- (B) Approve contract with John Franklin

PWD, John Thursby, requested approval to contract with John Franklin to work 3 days a week until the first of the year.

- (C) Approve to accept streets in the Mulberry Place Subdivision

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval to accept the streets in Mulberry Place Subdivision.

- (D) Approve agreement with new owner of Union Road Mobile Home Park (now Hahira Estates, LLC)

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval of the agreement with the new owner of Union Road Mobile Home Park (now Hahira Estates, LLC)

Council Benjamin asked about the streets in Mulberry Place Subdivision (Item C) and the EPD situation. PWD, John Thursby, stated that, according to the EPD, anytime that there is a new construction, they issue a National Discharge Permit, which regulates erosion on property. The original owners have to maintain any erosion control from now until the property is completed. Completion means that every lot has a house on it and grass to stabilize the soil and the soil can't move.

Council Benjamin asked if we had it in writing? PWD, John Thursby, stated that it was a state law and is written in the Department of Natural Resources Soil Erosion Control, also in the city's ordinances on Soil Erosion Control.

Council Ogundu read the last paragraph of a letter written to Council by John Thursby, PWD. He then asked if we had a letter of warranty for one year? PWD, John Thursby, stated yes, we do. Council Ogundu then asked if we had a notice of compliance from the State of Georgia? PWD, John Thursby, stated that we did not have a letter from the State on compliance on that. The state has been in contact with him about that. We will get a letter from them saying it is in compliance with them.

Council Ogundu asked PWD, John Thursby, if we had a letter of responsibility for compliance on erosion? PWD, John Thursby, stated no.

After discussion, Council Ogundu recommended tabling this.

Council Benjamin made a motion to accept Items A, B and D, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.

Council Bullard made a motion to table Item C until next meeting, seconded by Council Benjamin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approve bid on Flow Meter

PWD, John Thursby, recommended the bid from Rosemont, Inc. for \$2,305.00, which was the low bid.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE/911 CEREMONY

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, stated that the Dedication/Open House and 911 Ceremony would be on Saturday, Sept. 10th.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Crowe called Ann Hagood to come forward. She was presented a plaque for 5 years of dedicated service to the City of Hahira's Meals on Wheels Program.

Mayor Crowe called John Franklin to come forward. He was presented a plaque for Employee of the Quarter and 46 years of dedicated service to the City of Hahira.

Mayor Crowe presented PWD, John Thursby, a plaque for 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Hahira.

REPORTS

- (A) COUNCIL

Council Nelson had no report.

Council Bullard stated that the city does have some trouble spots around town that need mowing and the city will look into it. He stated that the city workers do a good job. He congratulated Ann Hagood, John Franklin and John Thursby on their service to the city.

Council Ogundu thanked John Franklin, John Thursby and Ann Hagood.

Council Benjamin reported that at the Special Meeting on the Millage Rate, there were three previous Mayors present. He stated, that as a Councilman, he felt that the council had let them down with their requests to lower the millage rate. He said that the Council is doing their best, when they can, to do what is necessary. There are a lot of things going on. He said to keep the people in Mississippi and Louisiana in our prayers and do what we can to help.

- (B) CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Janice Logue, stated that she had received a list for hurricane disaster relief. She read the list for local assistance.

She also stated that the Honey Bee Festival was coming up soon and asked all Hahiran's to come together and enjoy one another and show outsiders that we are Hahiran's and we do know how to treat each other.

(C) MAYOR

Mayor Crowe reminded everyone of the Fire Department Dedication and Open House on September 10th and invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Myron Crowe
Mayor

Janice Logue
City Manager/City Clerk

Marilyn Brady
Recorder