

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2006

PRESENT: Mayor Johnny Stalvey; Councils Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, Wayne Bullard and Temple Ogundu; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; City Attorney, Rob Plumb; Recorder, Marilyn Brady

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

Mayor Stalvey called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation.

Mayor Stalvey welcomed citizens to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Stalvey asked Council if there were any additions or deletions? Council Adams requested adding Meter boxes to Department Request.

REVIEW, CORRECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- (A) February 2nd, 2006 Council Meeting
- (B) February 9th, 2006 Special Called Council Meeting

Mayor Stalvey asked if there were any corrections or deletions?

Council Ogundu made a motion to approve the February 2 regular Council Meeting and February 9 Special Called Council Meeting, seconded by Council Adams. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (A) HA-2006-02 Rezone 0.22 acres from R-10 Single Family Residential to CH Commercial Highway. John Beville, 407 W. Main Street, Hahira, Georgia 31632

Mayor Stalvey asked for those in favor to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Stalvey asked for those against to speak. There was no response.

Mr. Jason Davenport of the Planning Commission stated that he would answer any questions. The application is in and it did go through the Planning Commission. They wanted property developed to city standards, with the buffering that is in place because of the two residences behind it.

Council Adams made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

- (B) Request for Beer and Wine License by Radish B. Chauada for business located at 203 South Church Street, Hahira, GA 31632

Police Chief, Terry Davis, reported that Mr. Chauada was in compliance. He recommended approval of the Beer and Wine license.

Mayor Stalvey asked if there was anyone against? There was no response.

Mayor Stalvey asked if there was anyone in favor? There was no response.

Council Adams made a motion to accept the request for the Beer and Wine license, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Wilmon Stanley, 308 S. Washington Street, asked if it was necessary for the two stop signs on West Park Street. Police Chief, Terry Davis, stated yes, because of several accidents there.

Ms. Cathy Kent, 404 Judy Ann Drive, stated that by the State of Georgia EEOC and FSLA, the city cannot give an employee a temporary raise. She would be glad to give the city the information.

Mr. John Beville, owner of Hahira Automotive, stated that he was in favor of the rezoning request mentioned earlier.

OLD BUSINESS

- (A) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Jason Davenport of the Planning Commission stated that they were finishing the surveys in the target district. They would be calling citizens and asking questions.

NEW BUSINESS

- (A) HAHIRA HONEYBEE COMMITTEE – Carol Jacobs

Ms. Carol Jacobs, Chairman of the Honeybee Festival Committee, requested approval to use the city streets and Public Works employees, during the festival.

She also requested that the city mow the area at the Pick-In park for the Azalea Festival Bike Riders who will be stopping to rest and refreshments this Saturday.

She also requested the use of the stage which is located behind the caboose. It would need to be stabilized.

Mayor Stalvey stated that Council couldn't make a decision on the stage right now until it could be checked for safety.

Council Benjamin made a motion to accept the request for use of the city, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST

(A) SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY (Chief Davis)

Police Chief, Davis, asked for approval to put the excess city property on the internet for bids. This was a recommendation from GMA. They would take pictures of the property.

Council Adams made a motion to allow Chief Davis to go ahead, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

(B) METER BOXES

Mr. Donnie Warren, Public Works Department representative, requested 25 meter boxes. **Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the meter boxes, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

(C) BIDS, RFPS AND CONTRACTS

APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAHIRA AND MARILYN BRADY AND JOHN LEWIS FRANKLIN

Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the continuation of contracts of Marilyn Brady and John Franklin, seconded by Council Adams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE APPROVAL REQUESTS

(1) Audubon Heights Subdivision

Council Adams made a motion to accept the recommendation from Ronnie Dudley, City Engineer from Stephenson and Palmer

Engineering, to approve, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(2) North Creek Subdivision

Council Adams made a motion to approve North Creek Subdivision request, subject to maintenance bond, seconded by Council Benjamin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) FOR CONSIDERATION, APPROVAL REQUESTS

(1) Appointment of Ethics Committee (3 member committee)

Mayor Stalvey appointed Mr. Jason Cain.

Council Adams nominated Mr. Kenny Hutchinson. **Council Benjamin made a motion to appoint Mr. Kenny Hutchinson to the Ethics committee, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

Mayor Stalvey asked for a nomination for the third committee member. Council Benjamin nominated Mr. Freeman Rivers. **Council Ogundu made a motion to accept Mr. Freeman Rivers to the Ethics Commission, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.**

(2) Appointment of Tree Board and Beautification Committee

Council Adams requested more time to find volunteers for the Tree Board and Beautification Committees. **Council Adams made a motion to table this until April Council Meeting, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

(3) Temporary closing of a portion of Lawson for Coppage family reunion

Mayor Stalvey asked for Council to honor a request from the Coppage family to temporarily close Lawson Street for a family reunion. **Council Ogundu made a motion to temporarily close Lawson Street for a family reunion, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

(4) Reappointment of Police Chief and Fire Chief

Mayor Stalvey asked for Council's approval to reappoint Police Chief, Terry Davis and Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett. **Council Adams made a motion to reappoint Police Chief, Terry Davis and Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

(5) David (Donnie) Warren temporary appointment to Public Works Director

Mayor Stalvey asked Council to assign Donnie Warren as temporary Public Works Director. **Council Benjamin made a motion to accept Donnie Warren as temporary Public Works Director, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

- (6) Chris Stevens temporary appointment to crew leader

Mayor Stalvey asked Council to appoint Chris Stevens as temporary crew leader. **Council Adams made a motion to appoint Chris Stevens as temporary crew leader, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

- (7) Temporary pay increases for employees assigned additional duties – Donnie Warren, Chris Stevens, Diane Bellflower and Belinda Clanton

Mayor Stalvey stated that there were some questions that he would like to have cleared up. City Attorney, Rob Plumb, stated that he would get the information and Council could go ahead and vote on it, subject to the information he finds. **Council Adams made a motion to approve the 15% pay increases, subject to the City Attorney's information, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.**

REPORTS

- (A) Council

Council Benjamin reported that the Public Works Department was doing a good job. Mayor Stalvey complimented the workers on what is being done and going on in the city.

Council Ogundu commended the Public Works Department.

Council Benjamin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:20 P.M.

Johnny Stalvey
Mayor

Marilyn Brady
Recorder

