

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 3, 2007  
COURTHOUSE 7:30 P.M.

Mayor and Council met in regular session on Thursday May 3, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. at the courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard Presiding.

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Bullard, Councils Temple Ogundu, Terry Benjamin, Ralph Clendenin, and Rose Adams. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, PWD Donnie Warren, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, City Attorney Rob Plumb, City Clerk Diane Bellflower.

Mayor Wayne Bullard called the meeting to order and said there was a quorum present.

Council Clendenin led the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilwoman Adams gave the invocation.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

- A. April 2, 2007 Work Session
- B. April 5, 2007 Council Meeting

City Manager stated that there was an additional sentence that needed to be added, and it was done. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept the minutes. **Councilman Benjamin made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections for the April 2, 2007 Work Session and April 5, 2007 Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Adams. Vote was unanimous.**

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to approve the bills. **Councilman Ogundu made a motion to accept the bills and budget. Seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

Recognition of "If I Were Mayor" Essay Winner.

Mayor Wayne Bullard announced that the winner was Lorin Livings, and he also read her essay.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Wilmon Stanley of 308 Washington Street asked if he could wash his car and truck with the water restrictions that the City of Hahira has at this time.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

##### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE 2007-01 (First Reading)

Mayor Wayne Bullard stated that this was the first reading for this ordinance. Councilwoman Adams stated that this ordinance was very involved. She stated it would affect the whole community. She asked to advertise this hearing so the citizens could have some input on this ordinance. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that if the ordinance was not unanimously passed that there would be two more readings that were required. So he stated that Council could have the first reading tonight and then have an advertised second reading, or postpone and advertise for the first reading. Councilman Terry Benjamin stated that this ordinance would only affect new builders and businesses not the average citizen. City Attorney Rob Plumb stated that the Mayor and Council would have to have a second reading. He also stated there were two readings and Council could adopt this ordinance on the third reading. After the discussion on the ordinance Mayor and Council decided to let this be the first reading and then the City Manager would advertise for a Public Hearing.

#### DISCUSSION:

##### Statewide Outdoor Water Use Schedule:

City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that the citizens of Hahira would soon be getting a letter in the mail concerning the level 2 drought that the entire state is under. Odd number addresses may only water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, from 12:00 midnight to 10:00 A.M. The even number addresses can water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 12:00 midnight to 10:00 A.M.

##### Resolution to Establish Drug-Free Communities Coalition:

Ms. Sheila Warren stated that she would like to request this Resolution to reduce the drug issues in Hahira. The coalitions are to continue the convention of drugs. The group would like to see what the community needs. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked Ms. Warren what she needed from Mayor and Council to help them out. She said the resolution would be great. She also stated that the summer camp (Camp Learn A Lot) would be in the month of June at the Rec Center. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept this Resolution.

**Councilwoman Adams made a motion to accept. Seconded by Councilman Clendenin. Vote was unanimous.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

A. David Huff Request

The City manager Jonathan Sumner stated that the letter from David Huff is a follow up request.

B. School Dinner For Teachers

C. Purchase of Mower

D. Addition of Probation

Sumner stated that this was covered at the Work Session and the Retreat

E. Summer Georgia Chief's Conference

Sumner stated that this was also covered at the Work Session and the Retreat

Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. **Councilman Ogundu made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

REPORTS:

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out and the Resolution that we established for the Drug-Free community. He also thanked all the departments for doing a good job.

Councilman Ogundu thanked Ms. Warren for all the hard work she was doing in our community.

Councilman Clendenin thanked everyone for doing a good job.

Councilwoman Adams thanked the Odoms for letting us use their home for the City's Retreat. She also congratulated Lorin Livings for winning the Essay. She stated that she would also like to reserve a chair for the newspaper reporter.

City Manager Jonathan Sumner thanked the Mayor and Council for letting him serve for the past six months. He also stated that he believes we have one of the greatest staffs in the region.

Mayor Wayne Bullard thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked all the City employees for all the hard work they do. He also thanked the Council for supporting him and doing a good job.

Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn, **Councilwoman Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.**

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Wayne Bullard, Mayor

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Diane Bellflower, City Clerk

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HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 30, 2007

Mayor Wayne Bullard and City Council met for a work session on Monday April 30, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. at the courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard residing.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Bullard, Councils Terry Benjamin, Temple Ogundu, Ralph Clendenin, Rose Adams, Chief of Police Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Public Works Director Donnie Warren, City Clerk Diane Bellflower.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

- A. April 2, 2007 Work session
- B. April 5, 2007 Council Meeting

City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that there was a sentence in the work session under the review and corrections that we have since changed. The new copy has been passed out to Mayor and Council.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Councilwoman Adams stated that the disbursement report for the month of March or April included only three weeks for each month. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that the reason for this was so he could get Mayor and Councils packet ready. He stated what he could do is print this on Friday and bring the last week to the work session on Monday nights.

## PRESENTATION OF “IF I WERE MAYOR” ESSAY WINNER:

Mayor Wayne Bullard stated that the fifth grade classes of Hahira Elementary School was asked to write an essay: “IF I WERE MAYOR FOR A DAY.” The teachers picked out the top five in their classes and then Council picked the winner out of those. The winner was Lorin Livings. Mayor Wayne Bullard presented her with a certificate, and a key to the city. He also invited her to come and spend the day with him to see what a Mayor does.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:

Councilwoman Adams asked if the Storm water Ordinance was publicized. City Manager Jonathan Sumner responded that the city code did not require public notice to be published in the newspaper. Council Adams replied that an ordinance of this nature should be publicly advertised in the paper. Sumner responded that a special called meeting could be held to gauge public input. Council agreed, and Sumner stated that he would schedule a date and he would notify everyone.

## DISCUSSIONS:

A-B: Contract for Wastewater Design to Nursery: (City Manager)  
David Huff request:

City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that most of the members present attended a meeting with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Division in January to discuss an increased treatment capacity of land application system that we currently have at the spray field. There was a study commissioned last year with David Huff and Dr. Nutter to have this seasonal increase and discharge researched. That research was presented to EPD at their meeting, and they followed up with a letter stating that they needed further clarification on the information

presented to them. The agreement that is referenced by Mr. Huff is point #1: To provide a complete and updated report to describe the proposal for the use of the current LAS site. This report should include the updated water balance, nitrogen balance, and recommended seasonal application rates. A detailed map of the site should be included and all other items necessary to make the project complete. There are additional charges that will be incurred and they are listed in the Councils packet under item 9B. After a lengthy discussion on this subject the request for David Huff was brought up. Councilwoman Adams asked about the \$5000.00 that the City paid Dr. Nutter. She wanted to know what his findings were. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that what the City received was a letter stating that after discussion EPD can generally support both ideas but we needed additional information to complete our permit requirements. Mayor Wayne Bullard stated that we were going to hold off on the nursery issue for now, and wait for the report from Dr. Nutter. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that he would get copies of these reports to Councilman Clendenin and Councilwoman Adams.

C. Playground Equipment: (Councilwoman Adams)

Councilwoman Adams stated that this is a budgeted item and it would be money well spent. She stated that in District Three and District Four there is no playground equipment. Councilwoman Adams stated that she had been looking at several different items and also in books. She stated she liked the playground equipment in Smith Park and Head Start. This park is located on Stanfill street and Lawson Street. She stated that we had \$25000.00 budgeted for this, but did not believe this would cover the cost. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that he would get with Donnie and Councilwoman Adams and they would come up with a list of playground equipment and the prices.

D. Councilman Clendenin stated that there were several items that had not been budgeted for and he would like to know where the money is coming from. Mayor Wayne Bullard stated that we normally amend the budget once a year.

E. School Dinner for Teachers: (Mayor Bullard)

The City has given a dinner for the teachers in Hahira for many years. The date of this dinner will be on May 30, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Hahira. City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that he could get the Council a quote on what this luncheon will cost.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST:

A. Purchase of Mower (PWD Warren)

Public Works Director Donnie Warren stated to Council that he needed a new mower. He stated that he had three quotes and would like to go with the bush hog that sales for \$6647.28. He also stated that this was a budgeted item. He also stated that the City purchased the two weed eaters for \$247.50.

B. Addition of Probation: (Chief Davis)

Chief Terry Davis stated that it would save his department money to hire someone to do probation. He strongly believes that this project will pay for itself and if after six months we see no profit we will go back to private probation. The person hired will work twenty hours a week. This is all due to Senate Bill 44. Chief Davis stated that he has some money in his budget for a part time person. Chief Davis stated what he would like to do is go with in-house probation for six months and after that if it is not working out we will go with private probation. Chief Davis stated that Jessica Freeman the probation officer would be using the Courthouse for her office.

C. Summer Georgia Chief's Conference: (Chief Davis)

Chief Davis stated that he is required to take a minimum of 20 hours of Executive management training per year and 20 hours of regular training per year this is the law. This cost is a little over \$700.00 and is a budgeted item. This training is offered in the winter and summer.

City Manager Jonathan Sumner stated that there were a few items that may need to be added to the agenda. The first request is by an organization that provides a youth summer camp. The second item is a request that Councilwoman Adams made for clarification on the drought-watering schedule. Councilwoman Adams stated that we are in a Level 2 drought that was declared for the state of Georgia. She stated that we needed to send out letters to all our citizens concerning this matter with the watering schedule. She stated that this was affected April 18, 2007.

Councilman Clendenin asked that all Council members make up a list of what streets are in the worst shape that needs to be fixed first.

City Manager Jonathan Sumner invited all Council to attend the dinner given by SGRDC at 5:00 P.M. May 17, 2007, at the Dinnermans Farm in Adel, Georgia. Everyone is invited.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Wayne Bullard, Mayor

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Diane Bellflower, Clerk