

Minutes of Hahira Council Meetings for April, 2011

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 04, 2011
6:30 P.M.
COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Work Session April 04, 2011 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

PRESENT:

Councils: Ralph Clendenin, Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Terry Benjamin, Rose Adams. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Belinda Chappell.

ABSENT: Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Director Donnie Warren

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

A.) February 28, 2011 Work Session

B.) March 03, 2011 Council Meeting

C.) February 14, 2011 Special Called Meeting

Mayor Bullard asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes. Councilman Clendenin stated he had a correction that was needed in the Special Called Meeting minutes from February 14, 2011. Clendenin stated that Allgreen needed to be added on the company who was doing the pulls free of charge to the City. Councilperson Adams stated a correction was needed in the March 03, 2011 Council meeting minutes. Adams stated that Mayor Pro Tem Cain's comments about it being a bad time to send out for the RFP due to the increase in fuel prices needed to be added to the minutes. City Manager Sumner stated the corrections would be made.

REVIEW OF BILLS/ BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Bullard asked if there were any questions concerning the bills. Councilperson Adams stated she would review the bills at City Hall and if she had any questions she would state them at the Council meeting on Thursday night.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A.) Application of Saumil Patel Hahira Quick Stop – 1305 Hwy 122 West for Package Sale of Distilled Beverages (Chief Davis)

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that Chief Davis had performed the background check on Mr. Patel last month when he was applying for the Beer and Wine License and that nothing had changed for the new application for the sale of Distilled Beverages. Sumner stated that per State law, if two liquor stores were present in the City, they needed to be more than 500 yards apart, as measured by the direct route of travel on the ground. Sumner stated that the City Attorney reviewed and concurred with

the OCGA code. Sumner stated he would entertain any questions Council may have. Councilperson Adams stated she was concerned if this was for a pouring license. City Manager Sumner stated this was not for a pouring license it was strictly for package sale of distilled beverages. City Manager Sumner stated he had spoken with the Tolbert's, the owners of Hahira Liquors and they expressed several concerns about the issue of putting a second liquor store in Hahira. Sumner stated he had emailed all of the concerns to Council and that Mrs. Tolbert would also be present at the Thursday night Council meeting to relay her concerns to Mayor and Council. City Manager Sumner stated that Chief Davis would be at the Thursday night Council meeting to answer any questions Council may have.

DISCUSSIONS:

A.) Bid Opening for Roll-Off Service of Union Road Collection Center (City Manager)

Mayor Bullard recused himself from the bid opening for the roll-off services due to the Mayor being employed by Allgreen Services, and to recuse himself from there being any conflict of interest issues. Mayor Pro Tem Cain stepped up to conduct business regarding the Bid Opening for the Roll Off Services. Mayor Pro Tem Cain turned it over to City Manager Sumner. Sumner stated to Mayor Pro Tem and Council that an RFP was sent out for the roll off container services for the collection site. Sumner stated it had been provided for the City by Allgreen Services for the past two months, but this was now a formal bidding process that would seek to solidify whoever the contract remained with. Sumner stated he had included the cost per pull that the City was currently paying at \$150 per pull and \$32 dollars per ton. City Manager Sumner stated the first bid received was from Veolia Environmental Services and their price for landfill roll off services included four containers placed at the site, these included a 40 yd for \$53 dollars per pull, a 30 yd for \$53 dollars per pull, a 30 yd for \$53 dollars per pull, and a 30 yd for \$53 dollars per pull. Sumner stated the types of waste that Veolia would be hauling were yard waste, garbage, and metal respectively. Sumner stated a copy of the bid would be given to Council for their review. Sumner stated the second bid received was from Allgreen Services, LLC. And their bid included additional copies for Council to review. Sumner stated that Allgreen Services bid was \$125 per container pull and did not include charge per ton. Sumner stated it appeared that Veolia presented the low bid at \$53 dollars per container pull. City Manager Sumner stated he would answer any questions Council may have. There were no further questions at the time.

B.) Additional Work Needed for LAS Expansion Project (City Engineer)

Robert Ramsey, contract administrator for Stevenson and Palmer Engineering stated to Mayor and Council that there had been a concern about the existing road coming into the LAS area. Ramsey stated the road was in bad shape and they had asked for three quotes on stabilizing the road to help it withstand the traffic. Ramsey stated that Russell Daniel, the current contractor for the project, quoted a price of \$10,940 dollars for filling in potholes along the road and putting down lime rock base with no geo fabric under the base. Ramsey stated that Reames and Son quoted a price for \$15,200 dollars and it included filling in potholes, putting down the lime rock and the geo fabric and asphalt, etc. Ramsey stated that Standard Contractors quoted a price of \$17,788 for the same material that Reames quoted. Ramsey stated if the City elected to take care of the road, Stevenson and Palmer recommended waiting until Russell Daniel completed his project then award to Reames and Sons for the road repair. Mayor Pro Tem Cain asked when did Robert Ramsey think that Russell Daniel would have the project completed. Ramsey stated the completion date was scheduled for the month of May 2011; they were given 120 days to complete the project. Councilman Clendenin stated he was concerned with why the City would want to spend an additional \$7,000 dollars to put down the fabric and asphalt. City Manager Sumner stated that Director Warren stated to him that he needed that road to access the spray fields and check the sprinkler heads that it would be easy to get a truck stuck if the road does not get repaired. Councilperson Adams stated for her to get a better understanding, she would like to ride out and look at the road and the condition it was in. Mayor Bullard asked if there were any further questions. There were no further questions at that time.

C.) Honeybee Festival Road Closures (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that Carol Jacobs was out of town but she was requesting the closure of the streets that were closed last year for the Honeybee Festival and the permission to hold the Festival again this year from Mayor and Council. Sumner stated a list of the streets were included in Council packets for their review. Councilman Clendenin asked if there was any way to divert the traffic off of Main Street while the festival was being held. Mayor Bullard stated that DOT would not allow Hahira to close off Main Street. City Manager Sumner stated he would send the State Representative an email regarding the closure of Main Street with Mayor and Council approval.

D.) Discussion of Water Bill Cut Off Time Line (Councilman Clendenin)

Councilman Clendenin stated to Mayor and Council that he had several complaints regarding the time that the City sends the water bill out and the due date for payment. Clendenin stated he would like for the City to review a better way on payment and cut-off date process to help the citizens of Hahira. Mayor Bullard stated that the water bill was sent out on the 1st of every month and due by the 15th, if the water bill was not paid by the 15th, there would be a 15% late penalty added to the balance and then if not paid, the water would be disconnected by the 21st of the month and there would be a reconnection fee to have the water turned back on.

E.) Cleanup and Beautification Day for District 4 (Councilperson Adams)

Councilperson Adams stated to Mayor and Council that she would like a cleanup day scheduled for district 4. Adams stated that she had citizens in her district that were unable to get to the collection site. Adams stated the senior citizens had no way of taking their yard debris off, so she would like to request a date to be set to give these people a chance to get rid of some of their yard debris. Councilperson Adams stated that she would like to put in some new plants around the City to help beautify the City's appearance with the approval of Mayor and Council. City Manager Sumner stated there was money budgeted for the beautification of the City. Adams stated that some of the things she wanted done with the landscaping of the City had already been completed by the Public Works department, and that it was looking very nice.

F.) Covered Shelter for Boone Triangle (Councilperson Adams)

Councilperson Adams stated to Mayor and Council that she would like a covered shelter built at the Boone Triangle Park. Adams stated that parents or caregivers who take their children to the park have no shelter to get out of the sun while watching their children enjoy the park. Councilperson Adams stated if possible, she would like for this to be added to the budget if the City did not have the funds for the shelter at this time. Councilman Clendenin asked if the shelter could be a SPLOST expenditure. City Manager Sumner stated that recreation was not an eligible SPLOST expense.

G.) Road Scrapper Bought for Public Works (Councilperson Adams)

Councilperson Adams stated to Mayor and Council that she would like a road scrapper bought for the Public Works department. Adams stated that the roads in her district had grass growing onto the streets. City Manager Sumner stated he would get with Director Warren on getting a quote on a road scrapper for the City of Hahira and report back to Council.

H.) Crosswalk Guards for Schools (Councilperson Adams)

Councilperson Adams stated to Mayor and Council that she would like the City to check into getting a cross walk guard for the school children to cross the streets in the mornings and afternoons to and from school. Adams stated that the traffic on the streets while the school kids were crossing was very

dangerous. Councilman Clendenin stated that there were some cities in Georgia that refused to hire a crossing guard and that the school board picked up the costs of hiring the cross walk guard for the school. City Manager Sumner stated he would investigate some costs and report back to Council on a cross walk guard.

I.) 2010 Census Update (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that he had presented Council with two handouts that shown the differences in the 2000 census and the 2010 census. Sumner stated that the differences in population were fairly significant. Sumner stated in the year 2000 census it stated that Hahira had 1626 persons and the 2010 census stated that Hahira had 2737 persons. Sumner stated the statistics increased from the year 2000 to the year 2010 which was included in the handout given to Council. Sumner stated that the census could be broken down by district but would take some time to calculate. Councilperson Adams asked if the Board of Elections would have the information on the number of people in each district. City Manager Sumner stated the Board of Elections would have only the registered voters for each district.

Set April Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Bullard stated the items to be placed on the Council meeting agenda will be:

- ~~€~~**Review Correction of Minutes**
- ~~€~~**Review of Bills/Budget Overages**
- ~~€~~**Application of Saumil Patel Hahira Quick Stop – 1305 Hwy 122 West for Package**

Sale of Distilled Beverages (Chief Davis)

- ~~€~~**Citizens to be Heard**
- ~~€~~**Bid Opening for Roll-Off Service of Union Road Collection Center (City Manager)**
- ~~€~~**2010 Census Update (City Manager)**
- ~~€~~**Commendation for Northbridge Church**

Mayor Bullard stated the items to be placed on the Council meeting consent agenda will be:

- ~~€~~**Honeybee Festival Road Closures**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor, Wayne Bullard

City Clerk, Belinda Chappell

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 07, 2011
7:30 P.M.
COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting April 07, 2011 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Bullard, Councils: Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Ralph Clendenin, Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, City Clerk Belinda Chappell

ABSENT: Director Donnie Warren.

Call To Order: Mayor Bullard

Establish Quorum: Mayor Bullard

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Bullard

Invocation: Councilperson Rose Adams

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REVIEW OF BILLS/ BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Bullard asked if there were any questions concerning the bills. Councilperson Adams stated the questions she had were answered by the City Manager. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion. Councilman Clendenin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Benjamin, vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A.) Application of Saumil Patel Hahira Quick Stop- 1305 Hwy 122 West for Package Sale of Distilled Beverages (Chief Davis)

Chief Davis stated to Mayor and Council that a beer and wine license was granted to Mr. Patel and that nothing had changed in the background check to retain him from selling distilled beverages at the Hahira Quick Stop. City Manager Sumner stated that the distance between two liquor stores had to be at least 500 yds apart by the most direct route of travel on ground. Sumner stated that the distance between the two stores was measured and there was 1625.6 feet between the two stores which was in compliance with the code. City Manager Sumner stated he would entertain any questions Council may have. Councilperson Adams stated she would like to verify for the record that the City Attorney reviewed the ordinance and all the questions pertaining to the two liquor stores in question. City Manager Sumner stated that the City Attorney did review the ordinance and he concurred with the regulations in the ordinance. Mayor Bullard asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against. Kirk and Karen Tolbert, owners of the Hahira Liquor store stated to Mayor and Council that they were against the request of the second liquor store being in Hahira. Tolbert stated that he had a survey done of his own and presented Council with an enlarged photo of the survey and the rules of the Georgia Department of Revenue which stated the new way of measuring the distance between the two stores. Tolbert stated by their survey, the measurements were 1422 ft between the two stores which was shorter than the required 500 yards required. Mayor Bullard asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak against. There was no one. Mayor Bullard asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor. There was no one wishing to speak in favor. Councilman Benjamin stated he would like to have more time to review the survey map presented and contact the State regarding the measurement requirements. Councilman Cain and Councilperson Adams agreed they needed more information on the distance between the two stores. Councilman Clendenin recommended tabling the matter to have more time to get more information. City Manager Sumner stated if the matter was tabled, it would have to be re-advertised at the cost of the City. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion. Councilman Clendenin made a motion to table the matter until the next months meeting, seconded by Councilman Cain, vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Houston Brown residing at 4753 Sansaba Drive Hahira, addressed Mayor and Council with an illustration of Gateway Pines which was due to start construction in the next couple of months. Mr. Brown also presented Mayor and Council with the request of adding a phase two to the project which would be a retirement community for Hahira citizens. Mr. Brown stated that phase two would have 48 to 64 units. Brown was requesting a special exception for the notification and the Public Hearing for the project. Brown stated he would like to be added to the May 5th Council meeting to ask Mayor and Council for resolution and support of the project. Mr. Brown stated that the retirement community would be an asset to the City of Hahira and hoped that Council would consider a special exception. Mr. Brown stated he would answer any questions Council may have. Councilman Benjamin stated he was concerned if the project would be on the same property as the Gateway Pines project. Mr. Brown stated it would be on the same property, which would be located on the corner of Union Road and W. Stanfill Street. Mr. Brown stated the two complexes would be connected by a golf cart path and that it was a master planned community. City Manager Sumner stated if Council agreed to the request, the Courthouse could be made available to hold the Public Hearing. Councilman Clendenin stated he was concerned if the complex would be low income housing. Mr. Brown stated that it would be government regulated for the age of 55 or older senior citizens. Councilperson Adams asked if the complex would be handicap accessible. Mr. Brown stated the complex would be handicap accessible for the residents inside and outside. Mr. Brown stated a thorough presentation would be presented at the May Council meeting.

DISCUSSIONS:

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B.-H.) Removed

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A.) Honeybee Festival Road Closures

Mayor Bullard asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the consent agenda. There were no questions from Council. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Councilman Benjamin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Clendenin, vote was unanimous.

Commendation for Northbridge Church

Mayor Bullard presented Mike Wells, the Pastor for Northbridge Church with a key to the City for the great improvements his Church family had done on the Community Center. Mayor Bullard

stated the City greatly appreciated all the hard work they have done for the City of Hahira. Mr. Wells thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to be a part of a great City.

Reports:

Councilman Clendenin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded everyone of the Third Thursday and Egg-A-Rama event coming up on April 21st, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Cain thanked everyone for attending the meeting and all the department heads for all the hard work they done during the storm and always for the City. Cain asked that everyone attend the Third Thursday and the Egg-A-Rama event. Mayor Pro Tem Cain thanked the City Clerk, City Manager, the Mayor and his fellow Council members for all the hard work they continue to do for the City.

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and all the department heads for all the hard work they do day in and day out. Benjamin thanked the City Clerk and City Manager for their hard work and thanked everyone from District one for the opportunity to serve.

Councilperson Adams welcomed everyone who was a first time meeting attendee and asked that they attend future meetings held. Adams thanked the Public Works department for the cleanup they do around the City on a constant basis. Adams recognized the United Methodist Church who sponsors the Hahira Boy scout group. Adams thanked the Police and Fire Departments as well as District 4 for the opportunity to serve.

City Manager Sumner thanked Mayor, Council, Department heads and the citizens for the opportunity to serve the City of Hahira. Sumner invited everyone to stop by City Hall to look at all the cleanup that had taken place, and thanked the Public Works department for doing a great job with the cleanup. Sumner thanked all the department heads for a job well done, as well as the City Clerk, and Finance Clerk. Sumner invited everyone out to the Third Thursday and Egg-A-Rama event on April 21st 2011. Sumner thanked all the Tree Board members who attended the Arbor Day event held at the Elementary School and thanked Sherri Burgess for getting the event together.

Mayor Bullard thanked everyone for attending the meeting and all the department heads, office staff, City Manager, and Council members for doing a great job day in and day out.

Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Cain made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Adams, vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Mayor, Wayne Bullard

City Clerk, Belinda Chappell

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