

## **Minutes of Hahira Council Meetings for November, 2011**

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### **HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION OCTOBER 31, 2011 6:30 P.M. COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Work Session October 31, 2011 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wane Bullard presiding.

PRESENT: Councils: Ralph Clendenin, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Cain, Terry Benjamin, Rose Adams, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, PW Director Donnie Warren, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

#### **REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

- A.) October 3, 2011-Work Session
- B.) October 6, 2011-Council Meeting

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

##### **Door-to-Door Sales Ordinance (Second Reading)**

##### **HA-2011-03 Variance Request by Gateway Pines Hahira (Planning and Zoning Administrator)**

Matt Martin, Planning and Zoning Administrator, detailed the zoning variance request by Investor's Management Company to the Council. Discussion followed regarding planning staff recommendation to deny the request, and the basis for which the applicant submitted the request.

#### **REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES**

Councilmember Adams stated she had questions regarding sanitation charges on Page 2 of the Disbursement Report, in addition to questions on contracted sanitation for landfill (inert debris) on page 3 and vehicle repairs on page 3. She stated the amounts in question are \$922.07, \$116.20, and \$ 876.50 and \$196.00 fines. City Manager Sumner stated he would get with the Sr. Finance Clerk and have her research and send email regarding these items.

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL WORK**

A presentation was given by Chase Gregory of J. Glenn Gregory Architects in regards to the City of Hahira Municipal Complex Master Plan. Mr. Gregory presented Mayor and Council with a written plan and maps to outline the different phases of the plan. He stated that this Master Plan would make the best use of land to benefit the community. He stated that this complex would be a benefit to all citizens by utilizing a police station, Court House and City Hall in one complex. He stated that it would redefine the center of the City. He then stated that possible grant monies would be available. He also pointed out that the City could name the square and could incorporate a statue or sculpture, including a new pavilion with

restrooms. The caboose would also be relocated. He stated that it would be a two story structure with clock in the clock tower. The complex would be made of stucco and brick and would be a very visible, secure site. He then explained the different phases of the project. He stated that he had worked with Stevenson and Palmer on cost analysis.

### **REQUEST TO MODIFY ALCOHOL ORDINANCE**

Kurt Tolbert of Hahira Liquors stated that his wife was before Council at the last meeting asking Council to increase the distance between liquor stores. He stated that he did not want to see Hahira saturated with liquor stores. He stated that he would like to see the City be proactive and increase the distance beyond 500 yards between liquor stores. He stated that his family was hardworking, and trying to build something for kids. He stated that he was not an anti-capitalist. He asked that the Council consider this to help him and his family survive.

### **PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED UV UPGRADE AND CONSIDERATION OF CDBG GRANT (CITY ENGINEER)**

Ronnie Dudley of Stevenson Palmer spoke to Mayor and Council on this matter. He stated that the City was under a consent order and that he was working to help the City get out from under it. He stated that currently the City has to go 12 months without a violation to discontinue the \$2500.00 fine, and he is working to help get the problem corrected. He then stated that the UV upgrade would help to reduce the high ammonia levels. He stated that the City of Arlington, Georgia was currently using this system. He then stated that the Mayor, Council and City Manager could visit the Arlington, Georgia water system and see how it works. Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated that he would like to go and check on it and see it. Councilmember Clendenin asked how many months it would take to make this change, and Mr. Dudley replied that if the project was started now, the issues could be corrected by April of 2012. Councilmember Benjamin asked how long Arlington, Georgia had this new system, and Mr. Dudley stated that Arlington had operated the system since March 2010 with great results. There was discussion regarding the CDBG grant. City Manager Sumner asked if the Council would like to resubmit CDBG for the second time next year, to which the Council responded in the affirmative.

### **WEB SITE CONTRACT**

City Manager Sumner stated that he would like direction regarding the maintenance of the City of Hahira web site. He stated that he had had several parties interested, including Chip Stone who maintains the Hahira Honeybee Site. The price quoted to the City Manager was \$150.00 per month, which is less than the previous contracted amount. Councilmember Adams stated that she thought they should decide what the website should state. She stated that it should be in simple form, and that a user's committee should be formed when the site is complete to see if it is accessible. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he thought the web site was quite adequate.

### **T GRANT UPDATE**

Councilmember Clendenin stated that he had discussed this matter with the City Manager earlier and asked if City Manager Sumner would give the implementation schedule. City Manager Sumner stated that Step One would be the memorandum of understanding which was 75% complete. Step Two would be concept report, with Step Three being the environmental documents. He then stated Step Four would be to select an engineer, and that the City would do this by soliciting proposals from three engineering firms provided on a list of approved engineers. Sumner believed that this project could be finished by the end of 2012.

### **DISCUSSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Councilmember Adams stated that she was understood that the three year contract with Griffin would be ending at the end of this year and that she saw nothing in the contract stating it would roll over. She stated that she was concerned because Griffin could refuse to pick up the City's garbage. She stated that she would like to see an RFP put out to solicit bids from All Green, Veolia and Griffin. She stated that the economy should bring in good prices for the City.

#### **UPDATE ON STANFILL BLDG**

Chief Davis stated that the Inspector for the City of Valdosta did a brief inspection on the building. He stated that the owner of the building did not want to spend a lot of money on the building. He had told his attorney, George Newbern, that he would do cosmetic work but not spend a lot of money on the building. Chief Davis further stated that, according to the building owner, they would rather tear it down. He stated it was not as a threat but as matter of fact. Councilmember Adams stated that none of the cosmetic work had been done. The list of repairs included replacing plywood, securing bricks, removal of tree growing in building and painting. Chief Davis then stated that he needed Councils guidance on how this should be handled. Councilmember Adams stated that she did not want to see the building torn down. She asked if he could get owner of the building to come to the Council Meeting.

#### **UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO EMT BLDG**

Councilmember Adams wanted to know about the testing for asbestos in the building. City Manager Sumner stated that the price to test would be \$1200.00 as per Mr. Dees, who did the testing for the old hospital before they tore it down. City Manager Sumner stated that he would get with Mr. Dees and find out when he can do testing.

#### **REVISION OF LICENSE FEE ORDINANCES-INSURANCE COMPANIES**

City Manager Sumner presented paperwork to Mayor and Council from GMA regarding the revision of license fees in regards to the increase of Insurance premium tax. Councilman Clendenin stated that there was no need for this ordinance.

#### **DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

#### **CHRISTMANS BONUSES AND EXCESS SICK LEAVE**

The City Manager presented a report to Mayor and Council in regards to Christmas bonuses and excess sick leave time. There were no questions.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT**

#### **UNIFORMS-SPLOST VI**

Chief Davis asked to purchase new uniforms for the Police Department. He would purchase five pairs of pants and shirts for the officers. The estimated cost would be \$3,700 to \$4,000.

#### **SET NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Mayor Bullard and Council stated that items to be placed on the Council meeting agenda would be:

Door-to-Door Sales Ordinance

HA-2011-03 Variance Request by Gateway Pines Hahira

T Grant update

Discussion on Waste Management Contracts

Update on Stanfill Bldg.

Update on repairs to EMT Bldg.

Mayor Bullard and Council stated that the items to be placed on the Consent agenda would be:

Christmas Bonuses & Excess Sick Leave

Volunteer Firefighter Training Reimbursement

Uniforms-SPLOST VI

Web Site Contract

Community Garden-Proposal letter of intent

**The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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**Mayor, Wayne Bullard**

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**City Clerk, Lisa Mashburn**

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**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2011  
7:30 P.M.  
COURTHOUSE**

**Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting November 3, 2011 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Bullard: Councils: Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Ralph Clendenin, Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Director Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.**

**Call to Order: Mayor Bullard**

**Establish Quorum: Mayor Bullard**

**Pledge of Allegiance: City Manager Jonathan Sumner**

**Invocation: City Manager Jonathan Sumner**

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

**A) October 3, 2011-Work Session**

**B) October 6, 2011-Council Meeting**

**Mayor Bullard asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Adams made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain, vote was unanimous.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A) DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES ORDINANCE(SECOND READING)**

**City Manager Sumner stated that the ordinance for door-to door sales had not changed since the First Reading the previous month, but that as the code stipulated two additional readings if a proposed ordinance was not approved unanimously upon the first reading, this was the second step in that process. Sumner continued that the ordinance was created with input from Police Chief Davis, as well as the City Attorney. He then asked if there were any questions. The Mayor asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against the ordinance, and if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor. There were no comments.**

**B) HA-2011-03 VARIANCE REQUEST BY GATEWAY PINES HAHIRA**

**Planning and Zoning Director Martin stated that was a request as discussed at Work Session regarding a Variance from Section 7-4 of the Hahira Zoning Ordinance as it pertained to the size of parking spaces. This was for a multi-family complex that was currently under construction out on Union Road. The plans were submitted back in the spring and they were approved in May 2011. The plan showed 112 parking spaces that met the code requirement of 200 square feet. The applicant now wants to revise the site plan to show 124 parking spaces at 162 square feet per space. Martin stated that this was a net loss in pavement, but that it will gain parking spaces. He stated that variances are based on hardship and that sometimes it was difficult to find hardships in some cases. However, this was reviewed by the Planning Commission at the meeting on Monday night and they voted to recommend approval to the Mayor and Council for the variance. The Planning Commission saw the variance as a net increase to the magnitude of the development, and a smaller amount of pavement. The only thing that would be affectively changed would be the striping. Martin then stated that he would be happy to answer any questions. Councilmember Clendenin then asked if the staff recommended not to approve the**

variance, and Martin stated that was correct due to a lack of demonstrative hardship. The Mayor then asked if there were any more questions. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against this request. There were none. The Mayor asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor. Larry Sanders of 4243 Rocky Ford Road stated that he was the engineer for the developers, representing ASA Engineering and Surveying of Valdosta, Ga. He stated that he had dealt with Mayor Pro Tem Cain and City Manager Sumner over the years. He stated that he thought there was some confusion about why his clients were pursuing this. He stated that the 9 X 18 space was a Georgia standard and, for the most part, a country standard. He stated that it was his humble option that the 10 X 20 was a very odd parking space requirement, especially when the rest of the country and the rest of the world seemed to be going green. Sanders stated that Hahira was mandating more asphalt to be put down than everybody else. He then stated that he had read Councilmember Clendenin's bio, and that it seemed like he was all about getting water back into the aquifer. He remarked that Councilmember Adams seemed to have a very green concept. The savings to his client would be 1/7<sup>th</sup> of a percent. Sanders stated that he was not commenting to insult the Council with a statement that they were going to beat the laws or rules. He stated that he was here respectfully and humbly asking the City to consider the fact that perhaps this specification needed to be looked at. He stated that his clients planned to take every dollar they saved on this request and have green space that would be planted and attractive and increase the look of the site. He then stated that if there were any doubts about this, the Council should go to Lake Park and look at Brookhaven that was recently finished in the last year. He stated that it was a very attractive site, and that the developers are known everywhere they develop for making very attractive and green sites. He then stated that when he left he would do whatever the City told him to do. He stated that he just wanted to be heard. He again stated that the Council should consider the possibility that the standard for 10 X 20 is 6 percent more asphalt than the majority of the rest of the country, and could be changed. He stated that he grew up in the area, and that the developers had been in this community their whole lives. He then stated that it was not some big organization coming in and trying to tell Hahira what they should do. He again asked that the Council review the request and make a good decision. He then asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Benjamin then stated he heard Sanders refer to green space. Councilmember Benjamin pointed out that only .005 acres would be saved. He stated that he was all for green space, but that this did not seem like a significant amount. Mr. Sanders then stated that he was saying that all developers will lose that same amount. He then stated that the aquifer was steadily declining, and that it was a known fact that we take out more water from the Aquifer than can possibly be replenished at any time. Sanders stated that the majority of the country and the world are trying to figure out how to solve this problem. Sanders repeated that Hahira was mandating developers to pave 6% more for parking than almost anybody else. City Manager Sumner then asked if the development was over a groundwater recharge area. Mr. Sanders then stated that pretty much everything in the South was a groundwater recharge area. He then gave a detailed explanation concerning site drainage, stating that this was a major factor in the variance request. He stated that the developer looked at it early on and said that this was a way to make the site more attractive. He then stated the developers would take every dollar they save by not putting in 2200 more square foot of pavement and put it in landscaping and green space. Councilmember Adams then stated that because parking spaces are smaller, Mr. Sanders was saying that approximately a half acre would be utilized for other purposes. She stated that mathematically this was greatly exaggerated, because the lay out of the applicant site plan is relevantly unchanged. Adams stated that this does not justify a hardship to grant the variance. Mr. Sanders then clarified that the stated numbers were mathematically incorrect and that it was a pure accident. He stated that they dropped the decimal point and made a mistake, giving him a wrong total on the savings. Sanders again stated that he was not here to tell the Council what to do. Sanders stated that a developer could put in a 2 X 100 foot parking space and meet the standards. There was discussion concerning the City Engineer's opinion. City Manager Sumner stated that the City should only grant a variance in the case of a demonstrated hardship, and that the Council should be fair in the granting of variances for all. He then asked Mr. Sanders explain his reasons for hardship. Mr. Sanders replied that he did not know what the City considered a hardship. He then stated that they will not have the space to make the site caustically pleasing and desirable to clients. Sanders repeated that he did not know what the Mayor and Council

considered a hardship. Sanders then repeated that the developer landscapes and takes care of their sites. Sanders also repeated that this request would take away paved space and use the savings to put back into the project to make it more appealing. Mr. Martin, Planning and Zoning Administrator, then stated that there was criteria on page two of the case file. Councilmember Clendenin asked what the dollar savings would be to the contractor. He then asked how many square feet of asphalt would be saved. Mr. Sanders replied that it would save roughly 2200 square feet, equating roughly to around \$5000.00-\$5500.00 worth of savings. City Manager Sumner then asked Mr. Sanders the total project cost, who replied that it was around \$4-5 million. Sanders repeated that it would be around 1/7 of a percent of savings to their project, which was virtually nothing. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he was in favor of green space, but that he was also concerned with door dings. He stated that every time a person buys a new car, they get door dings. He then asked what the width of the Main Street parking spaces in the City. Public Works director Warren stated he believed it was 7 feet. Council Member Clendenin then stated it makes it a lot easier getting in and out of your automobile. Mr. Sanders asked the Council consider that this was a private development, not a business in Hahira that would have people coming and going all day long. Councilmember Clendenin responded that the development would have residents living there, and that these small spaces will give people dings on all their cars. Mr. Sanders responded that it seemed odd to him that it worked for the rest of the country. The Mayor then asked if there were any more questions. He asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor of this matter. No one else came forward. A motion was then made by Councilmember Adams to deny the variance request by Gateway Pines of Hahira HA-2011-03, Councilmember Benjamin then seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None.

#### **REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

City Manager Sumner stated the questions addressed at the Work Session were discussed with the Senior Finance Clerk, who emailed the responses out to Council. He then stated they are available for any other questions. Councilmember Adams then stated that the \$1038.00 for the vehicle repair was for a Fire Department engine. A motion was made to pay the bills as stated by Councilmember Benjamin, which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Vote was unanimous.

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

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#### **D. MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **E. T GRANT UPDATE**

Councilmember Clendenin stated that City Manager Sumner gave them a decent update at the Work Session Monday night and asked that he restate what he had told them. Sumner then stated he had given a time line and progress update for the Transportation Enhancement Project. The project was 90% complete on Step One of the implementation schedule; this requires the execution of a memorandum of understanding that is formally approved by Council, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, attested, and then forwarded back to the Department of Transportation. The City is working with consultants to implement the project; their selection is actually done in two phases of Step Two. Phase One is the selection of a Grant Administrating Entity; this phase has been completed and is the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC). He then stated that the SGRC has

handled a number of Transportation Enhancement projects. The administrator out of the Douglas office of the Regional Commission is very familiar with these projects and also works closely with Justin Devane at the Valdosta offices, who is the City's direct contact. The Council approved the signing of the grant administration contract at the last meeting. A few minor revisions were recommended by the City Attorney, and those were accepted after discussion. The second phase of Step Two will be to retain an Engineering Consultant. The Engineering Consultant was the organization that will really undertake the majority of the steps that are in the MOU supplemental documentation. Some of the steps are simply paperwork steps and some of these steps do require coming out to the site. The Engineer was very much a key player in the process. The Grant Administrator has explained that three firms from a list of approved Department of Transportation Consultants can be selected and solicited for submission of proposals, and the City is about ready to solicit those proposals from the engineering firms. After this we will then receive a contract that will come before the Council and be approved. He then stated on Monday night that he has spoken with folks in the project area, and that looking at the implementation schedule and speaking to Engineer that performed the preliminary documentation in Augusta, it seems likely that this project will be completed in timely fashion, around the end of fiscal year 2012.

#### **DISCUSSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Councilmember Adams stated on Monday night that the City's contract with G Waste would be up next month and be ending. She stated that this was going to leave the citizens of Hahira household pick up and commercial pick up very vulnerable with no contract. She also asked if the City had any plans. The Mayor stated that the contract automatically renews. Councilmember Adams then stated that there was nothing in the contract about a roll-over after the three year contract ends, and that she was very concerned about this. She also stated that the City had people in Hahira that had no way to get yard debris or cardboard to the collection site on Saturday. She stated that she would like for an RFP to be advertised for solid waste, including alternative services not currently offered by the City. This would include white goods, brown goods and also yard debris. She stated that all of this could be in the RFP. She stated that there were at least three companies that she could name who might bid: Griffin, All Green, and Veolia. She stated that during the current economic climate the City could get a very good price. Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated that he had been talked to City Manager Sumner about the contract, and that he stated that he thought the contract would be up at the end of 2012. Mayor Pro Tem Cain asked if City Manager Sumner had the contract, who responded in the affirmative. Sumner stated that he had just read over the contract, and stated that Section Three on the solid waste collection and disposal agreement covered the term of service. The section stated that the agreement would commence on the first day of January 2009 and, subject to the provision of Section 11 hereof, the termination would end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010. It then continued by saying the agreement would automatically renew for subsequent one year terms through December 31, 2012 consistent with the provisions of state law. There was also a provision to terminate the contract, as well. Councilmember Adams stated that this was about the fourth time that the matter had been on the agenda, and that in the previous meetings she had asked for Griffin to be given this 90 day notice so that the City could put the matter out for bids and maybe get better services. Councilmember Benjamin stated that the Council could have addressed the brown goods and other items through the transfer station project, but that it was a no-go. He stated it sounded like Councilmember Adams was talking about doing something similar to that again. Councilmember Benjamin stated it seemed like the Council was going around in circles. Councilmember Adams stated that some people in Hahira do not have pickup trucks. When they have yard debris and cannot get out to the collection site, they have to pay the City to come and pick it up. She then stated the minimum is \$25.00. She stated she would like to explore the different areas for curbside pickup; then the City

would no longer need the collection site. She then stated that City Manager Sumner's comments on the price of this service had convinced her that the price of this was going to keep climbing. Councilmember Clendenin then stated that the City could get a price for household, commercial and then additional services. Councilmember Adams stated that these were called alternative services. Councilmember Adams made a motion that the City of Hahira put out an RFP for our garbage collection and disposal to include white goods, brown goods and yard debris. Councilmember Clendenin seconded the motion. Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Adams made motion to approve. Councilmember Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Cain opposed. The Mayor broke the tie, opposing the motion.

#### F. UPDATE ON THE STANFILL BLDG

Councilperson Adams stated that the Council had done all that it can do. The owner of the property now had to answer to the City Marshall. The Mayor stated that he had called Mr. Wetherington, but he was not available and he has not heard back from him. Chief Davis stated that the City has done all it can to correct the issue and that he will call the City Marshall tomorrow to contact Mr. Wetherington. Councilmember Clendenin asked if the City had outlined what he was expected to do to that building. Councilmember Adams stated that she had a copy of that paperwork also. She then stated that this is a list of suggested corrective actions and that these actions will cost very little money. The overall structure appears to be sound, with the possible exception of the west wall, which appears to have water damage. The exterior was in disrepair, but needed to be maintained with no evidence of collapse and deterioration. The loose crown and brick located at the roof edge must be removed or secured. Exterior walls have mortar missing between the bricks in some areas that needed to be repaired to prevent further damage in the future. The interior of the structure will require some repair. It is now also unlawful for the owner now to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of the structure to another until the provisions of the compliance order have been complied with. She then stated the building can not be demolished until this is complied with. The Mayor then stated that Mr. Wetherington could tear the building down. Councilmember Clendenin asked if the owner of the building was given the list. Chief Davis stated that, according to the City Marshall for the City of Valdosta, the owner offered to do cosmetic repairs to the building but he stated that if he had to spend \$30,000-\$40,000, he would take the building down. Chief Davis stated that it had been his experience in Hahira Municipal Court that the Judge will give the owner the option to bring the building up to standard or take the building down. He then stated he would contact and then have a subpoena over to the court for the first Friday in December. Councilmember Adams stated that under no circumstances did the City of Hahira want this building removed. If the building was torn down, Hahira elected officials would not be responsible for it. This would be strictly up to the owner of the building.

#### G. UPDATE ON REPAIRS TO EMT BUILDING

Councilmember Adams stated that she thought that City Manager Sumner had some information on this. He stated that Mr. Dees did contact him on Tuesday after the Work Session and stated that he was on his way to come up to the former flower shop and do some cut out pieces of the areas that he needed testing. He did do that and the results should be back shortly. Councilmember Adams then asked if the next step would be to put the contract in the paper. City Manager Sumner stated that this was his understanding. Councilmember Clendenin asked what the City would do with the building. He also asked if an architect was needed. The Mayor stated that they did a walk through with the Chief and told two of the interested parties the work they would want to have done. The Mayor stated that he had someone that was going to draw up something, but that he had not received it. He further stated that he wasn't going to pay him, but that if Council wanted to

hire someone and pay them, then that would be fine with him. Councilmember Clendenin asked if someone could just be hired to remodel. Discussion followed about the improvements requested by South Georgia Medical Center. City Manager Sumner asked the Council to keep in mind that EMT personnel would be moving into a nicer facility than they are in now. The project would have to be formally let for bid. Sumner stated that the City could retain an architect and get those plans put together with cost estimates, including construction observation. The Mayor stated we would need some kind of outline for bidders to go by with specs to bid on. City Manager Sumner would recommend getting specs but that would incur costs. The Mayor then asked if that is what the City wanted to do. Councilmember Adams stated that this was what she would like to do. City Manager Sumner then asked if they would like to retain an architect. Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated that in getting the permits an architect could be very helpful. City Manager Sumner stated that it would allow an impartial third party to perform construction observation and see things with a second pair of eyes to determine if all the items on the punch list have been completed. Sumner asked if they had a specific firm in mind, or did the Council want staff to come up with some names. Councilmember Clendenin stated that Glenn Gregory did an excellent job on their presentation. The Mayor stated that it should not cost much for them to give us estimates on the remodel. City Manager Sumner asked if the scope of the motion would allow the latitude to enter into a contractual agreement between the City and JGG Architects. A motion was made to authorize City Manager Sumner to retain JGG Architects for the purposes of drawing plans for a remodeled EMT Building and finished Fire Station, which was seconded by Councilmember Adams. Vote was unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CHRISTMAS BONUSES & EXCESS SICK LEAVE**
- B. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT**
- C. UNIFORMS-SPLOST VI**
- D. WEB SITE CONTRACT**
- E. COMMUNITY GARDEN-PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT**

Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Clendenin made a motion we accept the consent agenda as stated and Mayor Pro Tem Cain seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**REPORTS:**

Councilmember Clendenin stated it had been an exciting month with the Honeybee and stated everything looked great. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn did an excellent job on the minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated he would like to thank all the department heads and departments for doing such a great job. He stated all were tired and he knows they worked hard. He stated he would like to thank all the Council members, City Manager, Mayor and welcome Lisa Mashburn aboard and that the minutes looked great.

Councilmember Benjamin thanked all for coming out tonight to the meeting and stated that it was always a pleasure to serve citizens of District 1 in Hahira. He also thanked all the departments again for a job well done day in and day out. They make life in Hahira enjoyable. People feel safe and secure in the City of Hahira and they feel like they can walk throughout the City because of

**the daily work. He wanted to thank the City Manager, new City Clerk and to thank to all for coming out.**

**Councilmember Adams stated she would like to especially thank Donnie and all his employees on the job they did for the Fall Festival. She wanted to state that we have three new businesses here in Hahira; Southeastern Die, China One and C2 Medical. She wanted to express her condolences to the Badger family who was a City Councilman from the 1970s who passed away. She would like to also express her condolences to the Leland Clanton family who also passed away this week. She thanked all for coming out tonight. She stated that she was very thankful and greatful that she served the City of Hahira.**

**City Manager Sumner stated he would like to thank Matt Martin and staff for the great job that they have done for the City's Planning and Zoning and that the City appreciated the partnership with the City of Valdosta. He stated that he had a chance over the past several weeks to visit a few times with the new planning commission appointee Mr. Ted Raker. He expressed great appreciation for his representing Hahira on that board. He then stated that November 1 was his 5 year anniversary as City Manager and that the City Manager position has existed for 24 years in the City of Hahira. The first City manager was Mr. Leland Clanton who recently passed away. Sumner stated that the City's thoughts and prayers are with his family. Sumner hoped that his picture would hang in the City Manager's office for many years and he stated that he stops sometimes and wonders what Mr. C would do. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve, and the Department Heads for doing an outstanding job**

**The Mayor stated he would like to thank everyone for coming, and that it was very nice to have people to support them when having a meeting. He expressed his condolences to the family of Mayor Clanton and stated that he served with him as a City Manager and Mayor and that he was a very educated in this business and did a great job. He was a mentor to him and intimidating at times because he knew what he was doing and did it. He wanted to thank the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director for the great job during the Honeybee Festival. He stated that he had a lot of good comments on the town, and that things ran very well.**

**Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Benjamin made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain, vote was unanimous. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.**

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**Mayor Wayne Bullard**

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**City Clerk, Lisa Mash burn**

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