

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION**

**JANUARY 30, 2012**

**6:30 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Work Session January 31, 2012 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne 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) January 3, 2012 Work Session
- B) January 5, 2012 Council Meeting

Correction of Work session minutes noted from Councilmember Benjamin.

**Review of Bills/Budget Overages**

Councilmember Adams had a question regarding the Veolia bill. City Manager Sumner stated the bill had not been received yet. He stated it depends on the billing cycle and the number of weeks in the month. She also had a question regarding the Sam's bill. City Manager Sumner stated the charge was for staff members to have the Sam's card to pick up supplies. He stated that we needed several cards to give to different departments.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report will be given at the Thursday night Council meeting.

**HONEYBEE FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 1-6, 2012**

Report will be given at the Thursday night Council meeting.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

Councilmember Benjamin stated that after the discussion on January 5<sup>th</sup> it was decided to give 30 days to Councilmember's to discuss with constituents. He stated that time frame was granted and that he felt that Chief Davis had put a lot of time and work into this unit. He stated this had been talked about for a number of years and he felt that the item should be put on the agenda.

## **WEB SITES**

The Mayor stated that we had let the other person go that was maintaining the web site; who to get for the job. Council member Adams stated she had spoke with the City Manager and had stated she would get the website up to date and keep it running until someone could be hired to fill the position. She then stated she had worked about 40 hours finding all the missing minutes and getting them on the web site. She then stated they are all updated except the last two months. She then stated that The City Manager stated City Hall had several requests for meeting minutes and that the staff had given to them due to the web site not being up to date. Council member Adams stated she would continue to maintain the web site until someone is hired. City Manager Sumner recommended the City put out an RFP for a person that we could talk to face to face that would be accessible to the City. Council member Clendenin stated it would be tough to find someone to do it for the price. Sumner stated he had spoke with Stacy Dershimer and she stated we might find someone at Valdosta Technical College.

## **CITY HALL RENOVATIONS**

City Manager Sumner stated we have three quotes for City hall repairs.

1.)B.E. King-\$18,600 2.)Nathan Livingston-\$16,800 3.) Tricon Development \$8,760

Sumner stated he feels these repairs are needed. He stated the amounts can be paid out of SPLOST V funds for the repairs. He then stated that a mid-grade carpet was quoted in the bids. Council member Adams asked who would choose the carpet. Sumner stated he would have a committee review the samples.

## **STANFILL BUILDING**

The Mayor stated he had met with Mr. Wetherington and his lawyer. He stated he agreed to do cosmetic repairs to the building and fix sidewalk holes on the west side. Council member Clendenin then asked if the holes went under the building. The Mayor stated that probably when they did digging for the water pipes it caused the holes and that the City will have to fix. Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated that the building does not have cracks. City Manager Sumner then asked if Mayor and Council thought we should have an Engineer look at the building. Cain then stated again that he did not see any cracks but that it would be a good idea to have a Structural Engineer look at the building. He stated they know exactly what to look for. After discussion to decide what to do for the February 20<sup>th</sup> court date it was decided with the advice of the attorney to prepare a list of what both parties are doing to present to the Judge to show that things are being looked at. City Manager Sumner asked if Mayor Pro Tem Cain could recommend a Structural Engineer and he stated he would recommend Randy Crews. He stated he is

not expensive and very good; he stated he would not put out RFP due to the time restraints. Council member Clendenin stated he felt they should contact him and go ahead if price is less than \$1000.00.

## **REDISTRICTING**

City Manager Sumner stated he had been working with Deb Cox regarding the redistricting. He stated she suggested we get something sent to the reappointment office in Atlanta and that she had created a plan for the Mayor and Council to review. He stated he had a copy of a small map in their packets. He pointed out that District four would not have any modifications but that one, two and three would have modifications. He stated that once that was decided on it would then be submitted to the Department of Justice and that we would then need to amend the Charter and have Public Hearings. He then stated we have time because the calendar year for the elections would be 2013. He stated that district three would give up North Nelson to North Church and taking in Mulberry Place Subdivision. He then stated that District one took in 500 people. He then stated he would like to know if this map is ok with everyone. No complaints or problems noted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY11**

City Manager Sumner stated it will be presented at Thursday night meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Downtown Development Coordinator Stacy Dershimer stated she had given a copy of events to Mayor and Council for review. Councilmember Clendenin stated that Stacy was energetic, enthusiastic and had planned a year of events. Stacy went over the list of events for Mayor and Council which included third Thursday every month, fish fry every Thursday at the Caboose and wine tasting for several events to be catered by Covington's. Discussion regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages ensued ; it was then stated that per City ordinance you cannot serve alcohol under a tent and have them walking around. It was then discussed to put on the agenda for Thursday night to see if we want to pursue having a special event permit to serve; that would give all time to investigate and present at the meeting.

### **SPRAYFIELD CONTRACT**

Public works Director Donnie Warren stated that the old contractor had many problems. He stated he had four estimates and would like to go with Jim Killgore.

### **GCCMA CONFERENCE**

City Manager Sumner stated he would like to attend GCCMA training. He stated the topic for the Spring meeting would be Managing in difficult times. He stated the cost of the conference would be \$425.00, lodging \$124.00 per night for three nights. He stated he would like to have permission to attend.

**SET FEBRUARY AGENDA**

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

- Ethics Committee Report
- Honeybee Festival, October 1-6, 2012
- Traffic Enforcement Unit
- Stanfill Building
- Redistricting
- Financial Report for FY 11
- Alcohol Ordinance

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

- City Hall Renovations
- Sprayfield Contract
- GCCMA Conference

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.