

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**AUGUST 22, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

**CITY HALL**

Mayor and Council met for a Special Called Meeting August 22, 2013 at City Hall with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Bullard, Councils: Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin and Ralph Clendenin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Public Works Director Donnie Warren, Public Works Administrator Sharon Harrell and Marcus Lewis Water Analyst. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wayne Bullard

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Wayne Bullard

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**LOW BID RECOMMENDATION FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK DEEP WELL**

City Manager Sumner stated that we had a bid opening on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and that it was advertised previously in the Valdosta Daily Times. for the deep well at the Industrial Park. He stated that we had a lot of interest with five bids. which was Greene's Water Wells, Standard Contractors, Donald Smith Company, Soweia Chlorinator and Layne Christensen Company. He stated that we had a varied dollar amount for the bids but that Greene's Water Wells, Inc out of Gray Georgia submitted a bid of \$397,897.00 which was the low bid. He stated that this low bid has been recommended by Stevenson & Palmer Engineering, Inc. and that they have a lot of good references as well .Sumner then stated that he had called this Special Called Meeting to present the bids and answer any questions that you may have and that he

would like to also talk about the Fresh Water Issue in a minute. Councilmember Clendenin asked if we have the generator included in this bid and City Manager Sumner stated that he did not know but that he can get Robert Ramsey on the speaker phone and find out. Robert Ramsey stated that it does not include the generator and that it was not specified in the bid description. Councilmember Adams then asked if we need the generator and it was stated by PW Warren that we do need it. Councilmember Adams stated that would be an additional charge that we will need to spend. Councilmember Clendenin then ask if the generator was included in any of the bids. Sumner stated no it was not included in the bid specifications. PWWarren stated that it may be a good idea to use the same generators we use all over the City. Sumner stated that if we want to go through that contractor that we can do a change order or go with the low bidder. He stated that we can put that in during construction or after construction and/or we can gather five quotes as well. Councilmember Clendenin then asked if it would be a SPLOST expense and City Manager Sumner stated that yes it would be. Sumner stated to Councilmember Clendenin that no more money can be added to the GEFA loan; that amount has been set. IT was then stated by Councilmember Clendenin that this is a crucial thing; why did the Engineers that we hired not think of that. Councilmember Adams agreed. Councilmember Clendenin stated that this amount could have been included in the GEFA loan. Sumner stated know that he thought the max was met. Councilmember Clendenin then asked why the City always puts a 10%contingency on each bid. The Mayor stated that it is always done to cover anything that is unforeseen. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he looked at the internet and he did not see that. The Mayor stated that they probably will not give you a bid without the 10% contingency. City Manager Sumner stated that he had worked on approximately 100 government contracts and he has never seen one with a contingency amount. City Manger Sumner again stated that this is the low bid, the engineers agree with it and so does he. Sumner also stated that we can also get a bid for a generator and have that for the September meeting. **Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to accept the low bid from Greene’s Water Wells, Inc in the amount of \$397,897.00 which was seconded by Councilmember Adams. Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **FRESH WATER DELIVERY**

City Manager Sumner stated that we have Marcus Lewis our certified operator here in attendance for any questions regarding inspection violations. He stated that we had an inspection on July 29th by our

compliance officer (from EPD) for our fresh water. She checked many regions and some of the minor issues are being corrected but the one thing that makes him want to bring it to their attention is number 5. IT states that sampling violation have been issued for failure to monitor disinfection byproducts for the 2nd quarter of 2012 compliance period MCL violations for TTHM's, the third quarter of 2010 compliance period MCL violations for what is calledHAA5 for the fourth quarter 2012 and the first quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2013. Public notification documentation has not been received please complete the necessary notification and submit this notification documentation to this office with your response letter. The response is due by November 1, 2013 and we did get a follow-up email that is in addition to the letter indicating what the levels were. City Manager Sumner stated that he also wanted to preface what was indicated on the phone vs. paper. She stated these violations for biological contaminants were over the required levels by a small amount. But because they were over the maximum allowed levels it triggered this additional concern. He then said his concern was why did we get a letter on August the 2nd talking about violations from 2012 and 2010. She stated that they are backlogged in Atlanta and they did not put the analysis in to kick out the letter. He stated we pay EPD for testing our water and for sewer we have to hire our own contractor to test. He stated that we pay them approximately \$6,000.00 and they sat on it or did not do something because we get this letter on August 2nd. Marcus Lewis stated that he did not understand the delay and does not know what you can do about it. Sumner stated that there is notification that must be advertised in the paper and public notification that has to be sent to individual homes. Councilmember Adams asked if we would mail notification out with the water bills. PW Harrell stated that she would fit the card in the envelope if that is the way they want to handle it. Sumner then went on to say that the chlorine added to the water can cause a lot of these levels to be out of range. Marcus Lewis stated that sometimes sitting in the lines gets stagnant and then you have the chlorine flowing around with that organic in the water and that is what is causing the high count. He stated if we can implement a flushing program to keep the water moving throughout the system that it will bring down these levels and all will be fine. PW Director Warren then stated that it is recommended to start flushing at the well and work its way out. He also stated that when we get the new well we can alternate the wells to run one week here and then one week there and you can cut your chlorine down. Sumner stated that he wanted to inform them because he knows the Mayor and Council will get calls; he stated to remember that the new well is a good thing; it will address

these issues and get more water into the system. He also stated to remember that these levels are nothing to be worried about they are just over the limits. Councilmember Adams asked if we are required to take the samples from the same place each period. PW Warren stated we do not get them from the same place each period they are all different locations. City Manager Sumner stated that this does not require council action but that he and PW Warren will work to get the wording right and that he will send the letter out to them before it goes to the citizens. Sumner then stated that we spent \$30,000 to maintain the tanks to prevent some of this from happening. He stated that we are always doing things to improve the water and he wanted everyone to be aware of it. PW Warren stated that nothing has been sent from 2010 saying that we need to make changes so nothing has been done. Sumner then stated that we will get a letter out to the residents probably in the October bills.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clendenin to adjourn which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor of the motion to adjourn.

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Mayor Wayne Bullard

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City Clerk Lisa Mashburn