

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

**7:30 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting February 2, 2017 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Kenneth Davis, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Mike Wells

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. JANUARY 3, 2017 WORK SESSION**
- B. JANUARY 5, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

**Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. HA-2017-01 TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST TO HAHIRA ZONING ORDINANCE**

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning administrator said that as discussed at the last few meetings we have 4 sections of zoning ordinance changes. There is no change to the draft, it has been advertised and reviewed by the Planning Commission with unanimous vote on January 30, 2017. Mr. Martin then reviewed the changes again. City Manager Sumner said that this will be incorporated into the zoning ordinance and we will put it on the web site as well. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the zoning text amendment. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the zoning text amendment. None noted. He then asked if there was any other discussion. None noted. **Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the changes to HA-2017-01 Text Amendment which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman**

**Warren, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

- A. MOVEMENT OF WORK SESSION/COUNCIL MEETING TIMES (COUNCILMAN BARFIELD)**  
**COUNCIL MEETING: 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY, 6 P.M.**  
**WORK SESSION: TUESDAY BEFORE TH 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY, 6 P.M.**

Councilman Barfield stated that this was discussed at the work session where we asked for input regarding changing meeting times and /or days. After discussion with citizens and staff the thought is to change the work session to Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and the Council meeting Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor said that he had talked to people and they like the idea, he feels we may see more people changing the day and time. City Manager Sumner stated that this will be advertised in the paper and on the marquee at City Hall. We will also put on the City of Hahira website to notify the citizens. **A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to change the Work session to Tuesday 6:00 p.m. and the Thursday Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. SURPLUS VEHICLES**
- B. BUCKET TRUCK PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION-SPLOST VII UP TO \$30,000.00**
- C. SPRING CITY MANAGERS' CONFERENCE**
- D. REUQUEST TO BID DEPOT REPLICA FOR CITY CENTER**
- E. GMA SUMMER CONVENTION**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent agenda. None noted. **A motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Davis said he was thankful we all came through the storm safely. Our prayers go out to those who lost lives and home that night and to those who helped thank you.

Councilman Warren thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and to work on a lot of issues. We are safe from the storm and thank you to those who are here tonight.

Councilman Barfield said thank you to the staff for what you do. Donnie we do good only 6 ½ inches of rain. I would like to thank Council for making things happen.

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin thanked the citizens of District one for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to those who came out tonight. My heart is heavy for those who were lost in the community and thankful that we were all spared. Please reach out to the area and do something to help, nothing is too small. I was at training when this all happened, you want to be home when something like this happens. Thank you to the Mayor, when he heard about the storm he headed home, my hat is off to him, he wants to be here for the City.

City Manager Sumner said he was home with his family due to sickness he did not attend Mayors Day. I was listening for the siren, and then found out it was hit by lightning but now it is repaired. So many times the storms go north or south of our City and Hahira is very blessed. We are all prepared as we can be, it is a blessing to see all those first responders pulling together to help others. My prayers to them. Thank you to the department heads for keeping us safe and the City clean.

Mayor Cain stated that we need to all send prayers to Brooks, Cook and Berrien County. Prayers to all the families. Thank you to the department heads, they were all out doing what they could do, and they are all dedicated employees. Thank you to the Council, people are happy tonight. Thank you for the text amendment, we know what could happen. Thank you to Matt Martin for your help.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Barfield which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**

