

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on February 28, 2017 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Kenneth Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and PWD Donnie Warren. Councilman Barfield was not present at the Work Session.

REVIW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JANUARY 30, 2017 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 2, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. City Manager Sumner stated that the retreat minutes will require additional time to complete and will be ready for the April Work Session.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the bills. None noted. City Manager Sumner added that we received a franchise fee check from Georgia Power in the amount of \$103,000.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. HONEYBEE FESTIVAL (LANA HALL)

Lana Hall the new Honeybee Festival President gave the Mayor and Council a handout for the 2017 Honeybee Festival. She thanked them for the opportunity and stated she was here to request permission for help from the City. The Honeybee Festival will be October 2 to October 7th and the theme will be Back the Blue. She then reviewed the list of request that included using the Community Center the week of the Festival, assistance from Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works. She also requested road closing at Lawson Street from RR to Marshall Street for Kids zone, close Branch Street and N. Newsome Street for the parade and Close Lowndes Street for Craft and food booths. We would like to use the Courthouse for official office and check in from October 5th to October 7th and use the sidewalks for craft booths. She also stated that a fish fry is planned for October 6th at the Historical Society that will be a fundraiser. The discussion was then focused on blocking the parking for Main Street due to safety concerns. This will have to be discussed with the banks. We will have trash pick- up on Friday and Saturday night and the street sweep on Saturday night, everything should be clean by Sunday morning. She stated that all this is subject to change due to construction, we will see where we are the closer to the festival. The Mayor asked if we have a backup stage for the

event. Vicki Rountree stated that she is working on the stage for other events and will get with Lana regarding the stage. City Manager Sumner stated that the pre-bid for the depot will go out in March with the final bid date in April so the depot is moving forward.

B. APPOINTMENT TO GREAT LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION (MAYOR CAIN)

Mayor Cain stated that Ted Raker has resigned after 6 years of service. He was presented a plaque at the Commission meeting. We need to appoint someone to replace him and take over at the April meeting. The Mayor asked if anyone had any recommendations. The City of Hahira has one representative out of the 25 members and the person will need to attend two meetings per month. The person does not have to be a resident of Hahira and there are no stipulations. The Mayor asked if anyone had any nominations. Councilman Davis said that he would like to nominate Vicki Rountree. City Manager Sumner said that he spoke to Councilman Barfield who is not present and he had no response far as nominations.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. UPDATED AGENDA DEADLINE AND PACKET DISTRIBUTION DAYS (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that now that the Work Session has been moved to Tuesday that he would like to give everyone another day for submission deadlines. The deadline will be 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the meeting. The distribution will be 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting on Tuesday.

B. ROBERT E KNOX, JR MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that he always encourages training for himself and his staff and stated that his training certificate was to be awarded at Mayors Day but that he did not get to attend. I would like to attend training to at Jekyll in August to receive the next level (Excellence) of training. It is open to all elected officials and it is a full week to network. The Mayor stated that it is very educational, it is rather long but everyone needs to take it if they can. He then asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin stated that he would like to add Road Closure to the agenda and would like to give a proclamation to Bessie Pearl Camion. She will turn 90 years old on Saturday, March 18th. They would like to close part of N. Newsome Street that afternoon. Her birthday party will start at 3:00 p.m. The Mayor asked if anyone had any objections to adding this to the agenda. None noted. We will read the proclamation at the end of the Council meeting on Thursday night.

SET MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-All items moved to Consent agenda

SET MARCH CONSENT AGENDA:

-Honeybee Festival

-Appointment to Greater Lowndes Planning Commission-Vicki Rountree

-Updated Agenda Deadline and Packet Distribution Days

-Robert E. Knox, Jr Municipal Leadership Institute

-North Newsome Street Closure for Party-March 18th

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN