

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting January 4, 2018 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Patrick Warren and Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren and City Attorney Rob Plumb. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

OATH OF OFFICE:

- A. COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 1**
- B. COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 4**
- C. MAYOR**

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin was not present for oath of office, he will be sworn in at the February 2018 meeting. Councilman Barfield was sworn in by Mayor Bruce Cain by reading the oath of office. Mayor Cain was sworn in by Samantha Allen reading the oath of office.

COUNCIL ELECTION-MAYOR PRO TEM:

The Mayor asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Davis stated that current Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin is not present tonight and I would like to postpone until he is in attendance.

Councilman Davis made a motion to postpone the election of Mayor Pro Tem until the February meeting which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:

The Mayor stated that every year we assign a Councilmember to each department. The assignments are as follows:

Councilman Barfield-Parks and Streets

Councilman Warren-Police Department

Councilman Davis-Fire Department and Planning & Zoning

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin-Water/Sewer & Sanitation

We will forward a copy of this to each of you.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. DECEMBER 5, 2017 WORK SESSION**
- B. DECEMBER 7, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Councilman Barfield made a motion accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren 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 Warren made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

- A. ZONING ORDINANCE-FOOD TRUCK AMENDMENT (CITY ATTORNEY, PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

City Attorney Rob Plumb said that we have two different types of ordinances to look at for temporary vendors. I think we could model it after the City of Valdosta, just make it specific for the City of Hahira, with distances and permitted areas. The food vendor ordinance can be adapted for other use, it can be yearlong or restricted to as needed. These two samples are drafted for long term up to a year. I need guidance from Council. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions for Attorney Plumb. City Manager Sumner asked if we would have to get this to Planning and Zoning and the Health department for review. Plumb stated that he had spoken to the Health department. The Mayor stated that as discussed the other night we will need time to review, I would like to see it tabled until the February meeting, and this would give us time to review it. Councilman Barfield said we are making decisions about this and we need to get it right the first time, I know it will not be perfect but we need to do the best that we can. I think we need to go point to point. I would like to ask that since I own property that has a restaurant on it is that a conflict of interest? Attorney Plumb said you need to look at it and if you see any conflict of interest and go from there. Councilman Barfield said I have an opinion but I want to get it right for everyone. Councilman Davis said that he suggests we keep it on the agenda and get any possible comments. Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin is not here tonight, I think we could talk about it at the retreat. Councilman Warren said we have two different documents, in one the conditions are stringent, I think we should table tonight and choose a direction, all street vendors or just food trucks. Councilman Barfield stated that the one from Jackson Mississippi is more stringent, which one most is appealing. I think I like Valdosta better, it is more general, more tailored to fit us. I do not know if we have the need for the more specific one. I know we

can make adjustments along the way, we first need to choose a starting point and an ending point. City Manager Sumner stated that what he understands we would like to discuss this at the February Work Session and the retreat on February 2nd. **Councilman Warren made a motion to postpone zoning ordinance to February Work Session which is January 30th and this was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

B. LOW BID RECOMMENDATION-MAIN LIFT STATION #2-GEFA LOAN #3 (CITY ENGINEER)

This project was commissioned by Council two years ago and we have been working on it for the last 18 months. The project was first put out as one project together, dredging of the aerated pond and the 2nd pump station. We had one bidder and the bid came in above the estimated cost. Our Engineer got with GEFA and decided that it might be best to accept the bid for the dredging of the pond and bid out the pump station separately. The pump station was rebid and we received several bids. The low bid was \$265,648 which was \$57,000 under loan amount. The Engineer stated that this confirmed that our decision was right. Staff recommends accepting low bid from Radney Plumbing at \$265,648 which will leave \$57,000 in contingency. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to accept the bid from Radney Plumbing at \$265,648 for the dredging of the aerated pond which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CITY-COUNTY MANAGER'S SPRING CONFERENCE**
- B. EAST MAIN STREET, EAST MAIN STREET EXTENSION, AND SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE SIDEWALK TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

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

REPORTS:

Councilman Warren said that we started the New Year off with a bang. I am pleased to see the re-election of the Mayor, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. We can work together on important projects and I look forward to the upcoming year.

Councilman Barfield thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, I am very pleased to work in this environment. This is special to have the opportunity to do this, glad to get the work done and I hope this will all enhance our ability to get some things done. Our main objective is for our citizens, between the City and the County we keep it going. Thank you to all the workers for what they do and for the last few years of progress.

Councilman Davis congratulated Councilman Barfield and Mayor Cain, it is a pleasure to work with you both. Thank you to everyone in Hahira for coming through the snow and ice and the different challenges this last week. We had our Police department, Fire department and Public works out working hard, they continue to work while we sleep. Through it all we had clean water and the roads

were clear. I understand what goes on behind the scenes, good decisions and hard work. Thank you to Chairman Bill Straughter for coming out tonight and Happy New Year to everyone.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads for the hard work and the things that they do. Thank you public safety and public servants, we appreciate all you do. I also appreciate the Council and the hard work the last four years, we are now preparing for the 2018 Retreat. We have accomplished a lot, we have a lot to cross off the list, I love when I can mark things completed. I look forward to the next four years, this has been a blessing in my life. Thank you to Attorney Rob Plumb for his many years of service, it has been a pleasure.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming tonight, thank you to the department heads, they have been out there in the cold taking care of the roads. Yesterday they reported 105 accidents in Valdosta. I appreciate what you do, the Fire department, the Police department and the Public works department. I would like to thank Council it has been a pleasure to work with them all. I welcome the next four years because the last four years were awesome and I think the next four years will be awesome. Thank you Chairman Straughter for coming out tonight.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN