

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION**

**APRIL 2, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on April 2, 2019 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. MARCH 5, 2019 WORK SESSION**
- B. MARCH 7, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any concerns or questions regarding the bills. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. SANITATION CONTRACT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that about 10 years ago the City decided to put out an RFP for sanitation service for the City of Hahira. After that process G-Waste Management took over the trash pick-up and then 5 years later another RFP was put out and again G-Waste Management received the contract in January 2014. The automatic renewal expires at the end of this year 2019. As discussed at the retreat we have a current provider that charges \$9.50 per household and it was discussed that we might want to go with RFP process, go out for bids or investigate the possibility for the City to provide service again. I have put this out for us to consider and discuss at this time. Councilman Benjamin asked do we want to send out RFP again, we will have to have instructions on how to take affect per City Manager Sumner. Councilman Warren asked if G-Waste is still interested in the contract. Sumner stated yes with modest increase they will continue for another 3 years. The only modification would be the fuel surcharge, this would kick in if diesel gets high again. It was high for a few years in the past and we had a few hick ups with the trucks breaking down but I think now it is all running good. HE gets the residential cans when we need them and I think the Commercial cans have been a problem and that needs to be corrected. We can hold this over to Thursday night and discuss more. Would you like for Todd Griffin to be here? Councilman Barfield said he thinks we should stay with G-Waste, the increase is only 50 cents. Sumner said this gives us wiggle room or we can look at other options. I have a rate survey for area and the sanitation pick up ranges from our \$12.25 (Hahira) on the low end up to \$28.00. Barfield said if we do RFP we do run a risk of more of an increase.

Councilman Benjamin said he has been doing this for 10 years, I say we renew it, maybe have him come and talk to us. I also think we should wait and see if Mayor Pro Tem Davis is on board with this. Councilman Warren said that he thinks we should lock in 3 more years for \$12.75 and continue the relationship.

**B. OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE (CITY MANAGER)**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis is not here tonight but he is also Vice Chairman of the DDA. The DDA met and basically the Old Fire Department Building was an area of interest. It was requested that it be considered for demolition but we do not know if it has lead paint or asbestos. We are having it checked and we will wait for the full cost of abatement which we should have in May. The DDA requested that we put parking at that lot. We will need to get estimates of what the lot will cost and that is where we are at on that property.

**C. DDA REQUEST-EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL PARK (DDA CHAIRMAN)**

DDA Chairman Raker said that he is here on behalf of the DDA requesting the expansion of the Industrial Park. There are only two available lots at the Industrial Park and we think that we need to plan for the future. This would need to be a request from the City to the Industrial Authority. We would like to know their plan, will they purchase the available lots around the current Industrial Park, and there are 77 acres that would double the current size of the Industrial Park. We need more property. After discussion City Manager Sumner stated that he would draft a letter to the Industrial Authority with this request. We can send letter to them via mail or attend meeting and present to them. IT was decided to send to them and wait for their response in the matter.

**D. WATER/SEWER RATE UPDATE (CITY MANAGER)**

We received a request at the last meeting to consider a third rate for non-profit water customers. I sent out a request for information on the City Manager list serve and received feedback. There was no City that responded that had a special rate for nonprofit organizations and no one was in favor of it. It was even stated that it could have legal issues in respect to who uses water and the value of water. IT was mainly a legal and fairness issue and charitable argument. The regular customer would be insulted, I was naive to this and no such animal exist.

**E. RAILROAD LEASE FOR RIGHT OF WAY PARKING (CITY MANAGER)**

This has been in the works for a year now. The bid is advertised as 2.2 phase of the Hahira Square. We need an agreement regarding the parking behind the Depot and we received one. It has been sent to the City Attorney and he has reviewed it. In summary he had no problems with it. He wanted longer terms but they probably will not change it. It also had a condition pending approval by GIRMA but GIRMA declined it. The City Attorney signed off on it.

**F. HMS ARCHERY DONATION REQUEST \$1,000 (MAYOR CAIN)**

The Mayor stated the HMS Archery Team was formed about 5 years ago. They go to State every year and now this year they won State and now they go to Nationals in Lexington Kentucky. We have donated to this for the last few years and we would like to continue to support the team. City Manager Sumner stated that for the record his daughter is on the team this year.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. COMPUTERS-SPLOST VII (CHIEF BENNETT)**

Chief Bennett was not present but Captain Amiot stated this is a request for a Computer and custom notebook for the Fire department. The Hahira Fire department now has admin position and we need a new PC and also the Notebook would be used in the field for training and travel when the Fire personnel is off site. The cost is \$3,215.94 and it is a SPLOST VII eligible expense.

**SET APRIL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

-Sanitation Contract

-Railroad Lease for Right of Way Parking

**SET MARCH CONSENT AGENDA:**

-Computers-Fire department-SPLOST VII

-HMS Archery Donation Request \$1,000

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

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**