

**Council Meeting
January 3, 2002**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Adams presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councilmen Bob Harris, Joel Hunnicutt, Sonny Copeland and Wayne Bullard; New Mayor Myron Crowe; New Councilmembers Marion Nelson and Terry Benjamin; City Manager, Danny Lucas; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Chamber Director, Bonnie Tindall; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams called on Baptist Minister, Rev. David Gordon, to give the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the December 6, 2001 minutes and the Budget Amendment Public Hearing on December 31, 2001, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Adams asked Council if there were any questions on the bills. There were none.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swearing in of newly elected officials:

Myron Crowe was sworn in by Rev. Clarence Jones, as Mayor of the City of Hahira.

Retiring Mayor, John Adams, presented Mayor Crowe with the gavel and keys to his office at City Hall.

Terry Benjamin was sworn in by Rev. Floyd Rose, as Councilman for District 1 of the City of Hahira.

Mr. M. C. Nelson was sworn in by Rev. David Gordon, as Councilman for District 4 of the City of Hahira.

Mayor Crowe thanked citizens for attending the meeting. He recognized retiring Mayor John Adams, Councilmen Bob Harris and Sonny Copeland for their dedicated service to the city and called for a round of applause from the citizens.

B. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem:

Mayor Crowe recommended Councilman Wayne Bullard for Mayor Pro-Tem. He called for nominations. Council Nelson nominated Wayne Bullard for Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous. Council Nelson made a motion to elect Wayne Bullard for Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

C. Mayor and Council appointments:

Mayor Crowe stated that he would bring this up at the February meeting, after he has met with the Councilmembers.

D. Consideration of Department Request:

1. Valdosta Blinds quotation for blinds for 14 windows on 2nd floor of city hall:

Mayor Crowe reported that the quote from Valdosta Blinds was for \$1,579.41. There are 15 windows instead of 14. He received another quote from Kinblewood Blinds for \$890.24 installed. He called on a motion to accept the bid. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the bid for \$890.24, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

2. Public Works Director request for certification training:

John Thursby, Public Works Director, requested approval to attend a Public Works Officials meeting that would allow him to be certified as a Public Works personnel in Athens next week. Cost would be \$245.00 plus the cost of certification. Council Bullard made a motion to let the Public Works Director go to the certification training school, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

A. Consideration of contract change orders for City Hall and Police Department renovation:

Mayor Crowe asked for approval of the change orders for renovations to City Hall and the Police Department. Total cost would be \$4,850.00. Council Bullard made a motion to go with the change orders, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

B. Consideration of contract with Hahira Web Creations for continued development and maintenance of Hahira Web site:

Mayor Crowe called on City Manager, Danny Lucas to report on the contract.

Mr. Lucas stated that the current web site was established by former Mayor John Adams under the name of Hahira Web Creations. He read highlights of the services agreement. Cost would be \$250.00 monthly for up-dates and maintenance, plus an additional charge of \$25.00 per hour for any work requested by the city in excess of 10 hours on the site.

Mayor Crowe stated that he had checked with GMA and their costs would be \$1,500.00 to start and \$150.00 per hour. Mr. Adams has been doing this for several years at no charge to the city. He recommended accepting Hahira Web Creations agreement. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to accept Hahira Web Creations agreement, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion Followed. Councils Nelson, Bullard and Hunnicutt voted yes. Council Benjamin voted no. Motion passed.

Council Reports:

Council Benjamin thanked the citizens for their votes and for the turnout at the meeting, especially Rev. Floyd Rose for swearing him in. He also thanked his campaign manager, Karen Camion; Freeman Rivers and Ouida McKinney for their support.

Council Hunnicutt welcomed the new mayor and councilmen.

Council Bullard welcomed the new mayor and councilmen and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He welcomed them to come to the next month's meeting.

Council Nelson gave his appreciation to retiring Mayor Adams and Councilmen Bob Harris and Sonny Copeland.

Mayor Crowe asked for support from the citizens of Hahira. He stated that tonight opens a new chapter of a great book of a small town in south Georgia, which was established in 1891. Many people that live here have seen so many changes. We are in an exciting time in the life of this community. It is going to be an exciting time to serve the city.

He thanked former Mayor John Adams for all of the hours he worked for the city and for his help.

He also gave his appreciation to retiring Councilmen Sonny Copeland and Bob Harris for their work.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn. Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Myron Crowe, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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