

**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**MARCH 4, 2024**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on March 4, 2024 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: David Lindsey, Klay Luke and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and PWD Willie Jones.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. FEBRUARY 4, 2025 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 6, 2025 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 questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

## **DISCUSSIONS:**

- A. PROPOSED VARIANCE PREVIEW-SARGENT AND WRIGHT STREET PROPERTY (JASON DOVE)** City Manager Sumner stated Mr. Dove could not attend tonight and that he had some changes. This item will be at a later date.
  
- B. HONEYBEE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION-CINDY BECTON**

City Manager Sumner stated that Cindy Becton Honeybee Committee President is here for presentation. Cindy Becton stated she is here to present the list of road closures and the needs for the Honeybee Festival. The Mayor and Council reviewed the list stating it was the standard things from previous years. Mrs. Becton said thank you to the City for the support. The Mayor stated if we have any questions we will contact you. Thank you.

**C. PROPOSED MULTI-FAMILY DENSITY  
VARIANCE PREVIEW-FORMER MASONIC  
LODGE PROPERTY (JIMMIE CONE)**

Jimmy Cone is here to discuss the property at the old Masonic Lodge on Main Street. I am here to represent the developer John Nijem Jr. He is proposing to tear the building down and add apartments on the property. It is zoned R-P and it would permit five units per acre. He proposes building 8 1-bedroom units. The parking would be 16 spaces but he is proposing to request 12 spaces which is minus 4 spaces. He has some on Baytree Road to compare with, they will be the same model. The one bedroom would be 650 square feet and two stories. City Manager Sumner stated this is just a preview. The application will be submitted to Planning and Zoning by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the April Planning Commissioners meeting. It would then come back to the City in May for the Council. Councilman Barfield stated this will provide a

different need for the City and he ask the price point. It was stated that it was not decided yet but it would be for business professionals like nurses, EMT's and such. Mayor Pro Tem White voiced her opinion regarding parking, I think each unit needs two spaces. The Developer described the parking process at other apartments they own and said it would be by parking pass only or the vehicle will be towed. She stated there is no street parking so where would overflow of guests park. She stated it does look nice but not like the parking situation. The Mayor asked if any more questions. None noted.

**D. GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONVENTION-SAVANNAH, GA-  
JUNE 19-24, 2025 (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is about time to register for GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. The cost would be about \$1250.00 and lodging at \$300 per night. City Manager Sumner, Mayor Pro Tem White and possible Councilman Luke will plan to attend.

## **DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

### **A. TORNADO SIREN REPAIR (CHIEF THOMPSON)**

Chief Thompson stated this is regard the tornado siren that went down last year. It will spin but no sound. After being checked by Mobile Communication they believe it was a battery that blew up. We will need to replace all 4 batteries in a pack and new charging station. It will have a 10-year warranty. This sits on top of the fire station. The cost will be \$3,008.50 and will be paid out of the General fund due to being repair.

### **B. QUOTES FOR NORTH HALL STREET RESURFACING-SPLOST VIII (CITY MANAGER)**

It was decided that N. Hall Street should be paved next from the list of roads at the Retreat in February. After the bid process we had bid opening today and we had two bids, Scruggs Company (\$123,765.00)and Reames and Son (\$105,072.50). Staff recommends the low bid from Reames and Son.

**C. GEORGIA RURAL WATER SPRING  
CONFERENCE-JEKYLL ISLAND-MAY 6-9,  
2025 (PWD JONES)**

PWD would like to attend the Annual Spring Training in May at Jekyll Island. I will learn a lot of updates on the laws, regulations and equipment at the Conference. The cost for Thomas and I to attend will be \$1130.00, which includes classes and lodging. Food will be an additional expense.

We also have an emergency item at the Main lift Station, one pump is down. It was ordered and the cost will be \$18,394.40 (this is the large pump) and we will also need to purchase a back up for future emergency needs.

**D. PHONE SERVICE & SYSTEM (CITY  
MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated there is no action needed on this item at this time. We discussed it with vendors about 5 years ago because the current system has no

replacement parts or items so need to update with new system. The contract with Windstream will end soon. I have reached out to Windstream and Clearwave to discuss the services and cost for the future.

## **SET MARCH AGENDA**

No Discussion items.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- TORNATO SIREN REPAIR-MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA-\$3,008.50-GENERAL FUND
- NORTH HALL STREET RESURFACING-REAMES & SON-\$105,072.50-SPLOST VIII
- GEORGIA RURAL WATER SPRING CONFERENCE-JEKYLL ISLAND-MAY 6-9, 2025
- GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCATION ANNUAL CONVENTION-SAVANNAH-JUNE 19-24, 2025
- 2025 HONEYBEE FESITVAL

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**