

Hahira City Council
January 8, 2026
Council Meeting
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Terry Davis called the Council Meeting of the City of Hahira to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Klay Luke, Council Members Louise White, Cindy Becton, David Lindsey, and City Manager Jonathan Sumner. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Invocation was given by Pastor Mike Davis of Hahira Community Church.

5. OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Councilperson Louise White, District 1, was sworn in by her daughter, Lashana Richards
- B. Councilperson Cindy Becton, District 4, was sworn in by Pastor Mike Davis
- C. Mayor Terry Davis was sworn in by Senator Russ Goodman

6. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

- A. Mr. Thomas Iler, Lead Man Water/Sewer, was presented with his 20-year service award by Public Works Director Willie Jones, Jr.
- B. Lt. Bobbie Dumas, Municipal Court Clerk, was presented with her 30-year service award by Chief Stryde Jones.
- C. Mr. Mason Barfield, Council District 4, was presented with his 12-year service award by Mayor Davis.
- D. Mr. Bruce Cain, Mayor, was not present at the meeting. He was recognized by Mayor Davis for his 18-year service to the City.

7. COUNCIL ELECTION – MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Davis asked if anyone had any nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Luke was nominated by Councilperson White. Councilman Lindsey seconded the Motion. All were in favor.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Davis made the following assignments of Council:

- Councilman Luke – Fire Department
- Councilman Lindsey – Police Department
- Councilperson White – Water/Sewer and Sanitation
- Councilperson Becton – Parks & Recreation, Streets, and Main Street

Mayor Davis stated he would like each council member to routinely meet with their respective departments and make themselves available.

9. REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

- A. December 2, 2025, Work Session
- B. December 4, 2025 Council Meeting

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Councilperson Becton made a Motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Councilman Lindsey. All were in favor.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. FY26 Budget Amendment was presented by City Manager Sumner. He discussed the Budget Amendment briefly. He stated there was a small error in the Police Covid Grant which has since been corrected. Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions of the Council, there were none. Mayor Davis asked if the Citizens had any questions, there were none. Councilman Lindsey made a Motion to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment, seconded by Councilperson White. All were in favor.

11. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Davis asked Chief Jones if there were any Citizens to be heard, there were none.

12. REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES

Mayor Davis asked if the Council had any questions or comments, there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Luke made a Motion to approve the Bills/Budget Overages, seconded by Councilperson Becton. All were in favor.

13/14. DISCUSSIONS/DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

13A. 14A/B MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA

14C. Fire Department A/C Quotes – SPLOST VIII was presented by Chief David Thompson. He provided information on 3 quotes received for the replacement of the unit and explained the details of each quote. Chief Thompson stated that Coombs Heating and Air had gone above and beyond while the current unit was down by providing a temporary unit. Coombs Heating and Air quote was slightly higher than the lowest quote, but their quote included a longer warranty and provided for a higher Seer rating on the unit. Councilman Lindsey stated he would like to see the business kept local, as did other Councilmembers. Councilperson White made a Motion to approve the quote by Coombs Heating and Air, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Luke. All were in favor.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Woodbridge Ditch Improvements Phase II – GEFA Forgivable Loan – The Scruggs Company - \$383,109;04. City Manager Sumner explained briefly about this loan before the Motion was made.

- B. City Engineer Contract – Woodbridge Ditch Phase II Observation - \$40,000 – SPLOST VII
- C. City Hall Copier – Colson Printing - \$7,250 – SPLOST VIII
- D. City Hall Brick Wall Repair - \$1,250 – J&J Contracting – General Fund

Mayor Davis asked if anyone had any questions or comments, there were none. Councilman Lindsey made a Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Luke. All were in favor.

16. REPORTS

A. Council

Mayor Davis stated before the Council began that he would like each Council Member to present something good from their departments and/or the City at each council meeting.

Councilperson White thanked Public Works for the hard work she has seen around the City, stating she sees them all around town and appreciates them.

Councilperson Becton also stated she sees all the hard work Public Works does and stated the City has a good thing going on.

Councilman Lindsey thanked the Lord and Citizens to be able to serve. He thanked Mason Barfield for his leadership, Councilperson White for her leadership, and assured Citizens he would continue to rebuild Hahira. He thanked Senator Goodman for his work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He thanked Mayor Davis and said it will be an honor to work with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Luke thanked everyone for being here. He welcomed Councilperson Becton and stated she had big shoes to fill, thanked Mason Barfield for his leadership, and congratulated Mayor Davis and looks forward to a new era. He thanked Councilperson White for her leadership and kindness and thanked all department heads. Mayor Pro Tem Luke stated God has truly blessed Hahira. He stated he is very happy with the Woodbridge project and thanked Senator Goodman for everything he has done for Hahira and we are blessed to have him. He thanked Pastor Mike and asked for God's blessing and favor on Hahira.

B. City Manager

City Manager Sumner concurred that we are blessed and stated it was a privilege to serve the citizens of Hahira. He thanked department heads, Main Street, ladies up front, and all employees. He congratulated Councilperson White on her new term, Councilperson Becton, and the new Mayor. He stated he is excited for the opportunity to serve and asked for the blessing of God for 2026.

C. Mayor

Mayor Davis stated that while he has a passion for law enforcement, he never had any intentions of running for Mayor. He felt led by God and felt his presence throughout the campaign. He told a few stories about his past. Mayor Davis asked for God's protection over Hahira. He thanked Senator Goodman and stated he was an unsung hero to us. He thanked all City employees. He congratulated Chief Jones and Chief Thompson on the upcoming Safety Coordinator classes. Mayor Davis recognized John Thursby, former Public Works Director, and former Councilman Horne. He also thanked Interim City Clerk Ingram.

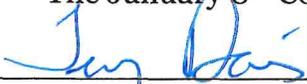
17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lindsey made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Becton.

The January 8th Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Mayor Terry Davis



Interim City Clerk Victoria Ingram