**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**APRIL 1, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**HAHIRA COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Tony Rosatti, Terry Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Brandon Rice.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRETION OF MINUTES:**

1. **FY21 RETREAT**
2. **MARCH 2, 2021 WORK SESSION**
3. **MARCH 4, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**
4. **MARCH 16, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Rosatti and Councilman Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **HA-2021-01 VARIANCE REQUEST BY FRANKLIN BAILEY FOR PROPER6TY SOUTH OF PETERS STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

**Matt Martin stated as discussed at the previous meeting this zoning request is for front and rear setbacks and the lots are all next to each other. The property changed ownership and would like to build single family homes and one duplex. The layout is in your packet. As discussed at the Work Session Peters Street frontage would go from 30 to 20 and rear would be 30-20. The E Main Street rear would be 30-20 and front 40-25 with condition this is only granted** for single family homes and duplex. This is not for apartment or office space. The Commission voted 9-0. The Mayor said lot 7 and 8 would share driveways with garage on each side of house. My only concern is dispute over drive way. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. Franklin Bailey developer said the two houses in question would have two separate driveways. He stated only lot #6 would be duplex and all the rest would be single family homes. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against variance request. None noted. The Mayor asked for any other discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield stated he is happy the houses will be there, they will dress up the area. I am happy to not have apartment units there and I like the type of houses. I know they will be nice. The Mayor stated over the last 8 years a lot has come up for that property and I think this is the best scenario**. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve the variance request as presented which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2021-02 VARIANCE REQUEST BY JERRY STOKER FOR 405 EAST MAIN STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Martin said as discussed at the Work Session this is a request that will tie in the property next door for shared driveway. The lot is 5,000 square foot that is a deep lot and not very wide. The applicant request more relief of 25 ‘front set back and 15’ rear set back which was also recommendation of the Planning Commission. The house will be 800 square foot on two levels, the house is larger than you think and the house is deep. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the variance request. Zach Cowart Attorney said he is working on the joint drive with head start. He stated that he sees no problem and that this will be a nice two story home with vinyl siding and stone. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the request. None note. The Mayor asked for any discussion. The Mayor said it should have condition that we need a letter from Head Start with permission**. Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve the variance request with condition letter which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTH UNION ROAD EXTENSION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated as discussed at March and April work session South Union Road Ext is a dead end. Williams Investment and DOT have given it to the property owners and would like to close the road. The City would still have access to the lift station. We have sent letters out to the property owners. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None noted. Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve the closure of South union Road Ext which was seconded by Councilman Rosatti. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Rosatti, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. Councilman Davis made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **REQUEST FOR UNILTY SERVICE TO PROPOSED UNION ROAD SENTION CITIZEN APARTMENT COMPLEX (HOUSTON BROWN)**

Houston Brown and Joseph Johnson with Investors Management stated after much discussion that they would like to request only water at the new apartment site. Does anyone have any questions? Councilman Benjamin ask if the County had any concerns about providing sewer service. Mr. Brown said no they had no objection and the Planning Commission approved it on the 13th. Time is of the essence, we need a lot of third party reports for the project. Sumner stated after the Work Session the other night and sewer capacity questions that Carter & Sloope are doing research to present plan and examine alternative sewer discharge plan. He is getting the data ready to find out what capacity we have at this time. The numbers could change at later date but I know you need commitment for application. Staff recommends approval of providing water to apartment complex at this time. We can work out charge for out of City limits customers at a later time. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said he would like to see it annexed in at a later day, we will have to service Fire and Safety and I think it would be beneficial to annex at later time. Houston Brown said we would be supportive of annexation at a later date. Councilman Davis said he supports what Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said. The Mayor said yes this is about a 9 million dollar project and it could impact the City. Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve providing water only to Investors Management contingent on water prices which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all approved of the motion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **SALE OF 109 WRIGHT STREET-REJECTION OF ALL BIDS**
2. **CARTER & SLOOPE SEWER STUDY-$20,000-SPLOST VIII**
3. **PARROTT FOUNTAIN-MYSTIC POOLS-$95,000-PARROTT FUND, SPLOST VIII**
4. **TEACHERS LUNCHEON-COUNTY LOVE -$1,360**
5. **4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS-JULY 3, 2021-$4,000**
6. **PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AUTHORIZATION FOR BID**
7. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES-INITIATE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**
8. **HAHIRA SQUARE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE-MAYOR CAIN, MAYOR PRO TEM BARFIELD, COUNCILMAN ROSATTI, JACKIE COLE, STEVE COUCH, KEITH BARRETT AND JONATHAN SUMNER.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Rosatti. Councilman Rosatti, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented.**

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Barfield stated this can all be overwhelming, we have a lot going on. People love Hahira and this is a testament to what is being done here by the Fire department, Police department and Public works department. Good things are going on and we appreciate what you do. We have potential for Commercial development, we need a good balance and retail space is important.

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve District 1. People are attracted to excellence. Thank you to the employees, department heads, City Manager, City Clerk for being at the top. It is a pleasure to work with the Mayor and Council, we have our fair share of challenges and we step back and gather info to make the right decision. I hope you all enjoy Easter and remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

Councilman Davis said ditto to all that has been said. Thank you to Matt Martin for all the work that you do, we rely on Matt for a lot of information. He know the rules and regulations and the way it should be done.

Councilman Rosatti said this City is thriving thanks to what everyone does, the department heads and staff. Water and Sewer growth is going to come and we need to get prepared for it and I think the right thing is in the works. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it, I am learning a lot and I appreciate everyone.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to citizens for attending tonight. Thank you to the department heads. I want to remind everyone that we well have an egg-a-rama for Easter this Saturday.

Mayor Cain thanked the department heads and said I cannot say enough. We lost Donnie because he retired but I want to thank Brandon for stepping in and carrying on tradition. Thank you to Lisa, Carol, Victoria, Jonathan and Jennifer for all they do. You cannot find a better team.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

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

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**