

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2022**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Tony Rosatti, Mason Barfield, Louise White and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Terry Davis and MSD Jennifer Price. PWD Willie Jones was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**A. OCTOBER 4, 2022 WORK SESSION**

**B. OCTOBER 6, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Vicki Rountree of 108 E Lawson Street Hahira stated she is here to thank everyone for the privilege to serve on the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission and she would like to be considered for another term. She stated that she is the Chair of the Planning Commission and that during her time she has updated the bylaws, added Dasher and Remerton to the Planning Commission, all Cities are represented. She also started an attendance policy which has been difficult due to COVID. She has also worked with Lowndes County COSA. I have represented Hahira/Lowndes County for the past 6 years and would like to continue. I think I have done a great job.

### **REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **A. GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated the City of Hahira has one seat on the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission. The term ends on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The current appointee has requested to be reappointed. The Mayor has also chosen David Houze of Thompson Road to be considered for the position.

**Councilmember White stated she had several calls about the Planning Commission. I ran on teamwork with communication. I love Mr. Houze but I must go with what my district wants. I would like to give Vicki another term. Councilmember White made a motion to nominate Vicki Rountree for another term to**

**the Planning Commission which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Rosatti, Councilperson White all voted in favor on the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Davis voted against motion. (3-1)**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT**
- B. NARCOTICS INTOXALIZER-\$5,235-INTOXIMETERS INC-SPLOST VIII**
- C. FY22 CHRISTMAS BONUSES AND EXCESS SICK LEAVE**
- D. SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

**Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Rosatti. Councilman Rosatti, Councilman Barfield, Councilperson White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated the weather is cooling off and the City of Hahira is looking good. Thank you all for coming out tonight and for your participation.

Councilman Rosatti said ditto to what was said. We are all a voice of the Community, based on the Community needs. I appreciated the opportunity to serve and I appreciate you all coming out and your participation.

Councilman Barfield said thank you to all the Directors for the day to day that you do, it is not perfect but we are one of the best run cities and I am proud to be apart of it. I appreciate David putting his self forward to be considered in this position. I appreciate you looking for ways to serve the Community and I will do whatever I can to help you.

Councilperson White said I think David Houze is a good man. We want David in our Community but I had to go with what my District wanted, there is no we without team. I am looking at comments on the school crossings, I know it is not Council problem but I think we should look into it. Thank you to all departments, we always need to put God first. I am glad to see everyone here in the audience tonight. I love Hahira.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, thank you to the department heads and Main Street Director. We have had a lot of events and we will have a lot more in the next few months. She has no down time. Thank you to the staff. Thank you for the Council support, November 1 made it 16 years here in Hahira. I love working here and I am glad to have raised my family here.

Mayor Cain said I concur with all that has been said, thank you to the department heads. I think we have a great chance for the grant money and I hope we get it. I send prayers to PWD Willie Jones he is sick tonight. Thank you to MSD Price for working with DCA, I think they like what they see. Thank you to Lisa, Carol and Victoria. Thank you to Jonathan he is my right-hand man. We have a lot going on and I appreciate the Council and the Citizens for participation.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to Adjourn which was seconded by Councilperson White. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Rosatti, Councilperson White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**