

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2022**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Tony Rosatti, 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, MS Jaime Parr, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Willie Jones. Councilmember Mason Barfield was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** City Manager Jonathan Sumner

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**A. NOVEMBER 1, 2022 WORK SESSION**

**B. NOVEMBER 3, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or correction regarding the minutes. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. FY22 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner said that as stated at the Work Session the FY22 Budget Amendments are always done at the end of the FY which is from January to December. The Amendments have been advertised and copies are available at City Hall. We have had no requests for copies. We reviewed each item on Tuesday night and you have a copy on your packets. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the budget amendments? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the budget amendments? None noted.

**Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to approve the FY22 Budget amendments as presented which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember White, Councilmember Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**B. HA-2022-09 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR RED OWL, 601 GEORGIA HWY 122 WEST (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Administrator Matt Martin stated HA-2022-09 is Special exception request from Red Owl at 601 Georgia Hwy 122 West in front of grocery store. It is part of the larger center and the site plan is in your packets. The building will be 800 square feet with double drive thru around the building. The requirements for the Special exception are that the building is less than 1,000 square feet and the building construction has one year to expire. The applicant is here if you have any questions. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion.

Chuck Smith 2314 Bemiss Road, Contractor for the project, stated this will be a franchise store and will have design to fit the City of Hahira.

Justin Coleman of 9129 Coffee Road stated that he thinks this is the right commerce for the City of Hahira, I think it will enhance the City.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted.

**Councilmember White made a motion to approve HA-2022-09 which was seconded by Councilmember Rosatti. Councilmember White, Councilmember Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**C. HA-2022-10 DE-ANNEXATION REQUEST BY CHRIS KAIN,  
501 SOUTH HAGENBRIDGE ROAD (PLANNING AND  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Administrator stated this request if for the property to be zoned R-21 as mixed use. Hahira does not have that zoning. This property has been residential for 130 years. The Planning Commission voted to deny with 8-0 vote. The Mayor stated this is single family pattern in that area with R-21 in the County to the east. The applicant owns two parcels and wants it zoned agriculture.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor?

Chris Kain of 501 S Hagenbridge said he purchased the property a year ago and ran into problems with permits. I want to build a house and do farming. I want to grow plants, have a greenhouse (hydroponic) have fish in pond with Chickens and goats. Basically, I want to do homesteading.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if he planned to have water and sewer from the City Utilities and he stated yes. He said I think this is spot zoning that you are requesting.

Councilman Rosatti said I know you are active-duty military and we appreciate your service. Is this going to be your permanent home. Kain stated it is him and his son and he will be here if military will allow him to be here.

**The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion.**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated he thinks this will create an Island problem and we can't create an Island, that prohibits future development in that area. I agree with the Planning Commission. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to deny the application which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember Rosatti, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**D. APPLICATION OF MOHAMMAD AZAM-1300 GA HWY 122 W FOR PACKAGE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND SUNDAY SALES (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis stated this is application for new owner at the motel and store. This is application for beer, wine and Sunday sales. The background check on Mr. Azam is good and it has been advertised as required. Does anyone have 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.

**Councilmember Rosatti made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember Rosatti, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None noted.

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

The Mayor asked if any questions or corrections regarding the bills. None noted. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Rosatti. Councilmember Rosatti, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

## **DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

### **A. DO/BOD/ALKALINITY METER-\$5,005-HACH, SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones stated this will replace multiple units that are needed for lab testing of water and can be used in the lab when we have the new building. This is essential to use for the samples that are sent out, it is required. The cost is \$5,005. **A motion was made by Councilmember Rosatti to approve the DO/BOD/Alkalinity meter which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis. Councilmember Rosatti, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

### **B. FY19 TAP STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is all a part of the TAP project from 2019 that will begin bidding in FY25 for the street scape down Main Street. This is a standard agreement with DOT per our City Attorney Plumb. This

will cover the lights from Newsome Street to Union Road down Main Street. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to approve the agreement which was seconded by Councilmember Rosatti. Councilmember Rosatti, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**C. PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING SLAB-STUBBS METAL CONSTRUCTION-\$15,200 (LABOR ONLY)-SPLOST VIII (MAYOR CAIN)**

Mayor Cain stated this is for the slab at the new Public Works building which includes footers and foundation. This is for labor only. The low bid was \$15,200 with Stubbs Metal Construction. **Councilmember White made a motion to approve the low bid at \$15,200 which was seconded by Councilmember Rosatti. Councilmember White, Councilmember Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilmember Rosatti said thank you to the Mayor, Councilmembers, staff for all you do each day. You make my job much easier and it makes me happy to represent this town. We all have the best intent and I thank you all for your participation.

Councilmember White said thank you all for coming tonight. I love Hahira and all you guys up here.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said we have a lot of Main Street events coming up so please go on Hahira Happenings and see the dates and plan to be there. We have 16 trees that are being decorated by businesses and I think it will look good. Merry Christmas to everyone and be safe.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads, they are all hardworking every day. Thank you to Public works and the Main Street departments. Thank you to all Public safety and the Admin staff. They keep us all straight. Thank you to Matt Martin and the City Attorney. We will have great events this month for Christmas so please plan to attend. We had difficulties last week with our bucket truck while trying to do Christmas decorations and the City of Valdosta for lending us a bucket truck.

Mayor Cain said thank you all for coming tonight and don't forget the employee Christmas party of December 13. Thank you all.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**