

CITY OF HAHIRA
DECEMBER 5, 2023
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting on December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Louise White and Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief Davis Thompson, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Willie Jones and MSD Jennifer Price present. Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti 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. OCTOBER 30 2023 WORK SESSION

B. NOVEMBER 2, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections. None noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this is the conclusion of the FY23 budget amendments as reviewed on Tuesday night we had some

number come in over and some under. We have a healthy General fund and the Proprietary fund paid for the new public works building. Does anyone have any questions concerning the amendments? None noted.

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

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

Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the FY23 budget amendments as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Council member White all voted in favor of the motion.

**B. HA-2023-03 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST BY MINDY HERRING
KINGS COURT OFFICE COMPLEX, 505 SOUTH CHURCH STREET
(PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Planning and Zoning administrator Matt Martin stated as discussed on Tuesday night this is a special exception request by Mindy herring to put in a hair salon in RP conditional special exception. The tenant would occupy a 1200 square foot space that will be for mixed use. On November the 27th the Planning Commission voted for approval with 5-0 vote, with two conditions 1 RP zoning and the exemption will expire in one year.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the special exception request? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the special exception request?

Mindy Herring of 4604 Firestone Lane stated she would like to speak in favor. She stated Hahira is growing and we only have one

beauty shop in town. I would like to open a nice salon because I feel there is a need.

Sean Herring a 4604 Firestone Lane stated he is Mindy Herrings husband. He stated she is quiet and shy but she does love Hahira and feels that this is something she could provide for Hahira, it is home to her this has always been her goal and dream. She would appreciate the opportunity to build an upscale salon for the people of Hahira.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve HA-2023-03 with conditions stated, this was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.

C. HA-2023-04 VAIANCE REQUEST BY CHANCY DRUGS (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

Matt Martin planning and zoning administrator stated this is a unique request, it is not for Hahira variance the state law. This is part of the licensing requirements for special THC products. The law states the business must be 1000 square feet from any school, church or daycare. They are requesting this variance because Chancy drugs is the only drug store in Hahira and this would be due to state law. The City of Hahira must approve this variance before the state considers eligibility. I believe Hugh Chancy explained everything clearly on Tuesday night, does anyone have any questions?

The mayor asked if anybody would like to speak against the variance request? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the variance?

Patrick Chancy stated he is excited to do this and feels it is important to the community and to the patients that need it. We think working with a pharmacy would be beneficial. This would allow patients to get the medication in their town and they would not have to travel. I know this was explained on Tuesday night but does anyone have any questions? None noted.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve HA-2023 03 which was seconded a Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. EAST PARK & BLAKELY STREET REPAVING-\$154,248.20-H & H PAVING-LMIG, SPLOST VIII**
- B. CREATED WETLANDS REHABILITATION-JACK WISENBAKER CONSTRUCTION-\$22,500-PROPRIETARY FUND**
- C. DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE-CAPITAL CHEVROLET FLEET-\$86,761-SPLOST VIII**
- D. SURPLUS PROPERTY**
- E. 2 POLICE CARS-WOODY FOLSOM OF DOUGLAS-\$105,000-SPLOST VIII**
- F. FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT-DAVID THOMPSON**

Mayor Cain asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent agenda? None noted. **Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember White, Councilman Davis and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

REPORTS:

Councilman Barfield stated we had a good year and I'm very thankful I'm proud to say we spent \$370,000 and did not blink an eye because we are taking care of what we need for the City of Hahira. It is phenomenal that we move forward and provide services to the city citizens and we don't have to worry. I know everyone is worried about growth but if we have controlled growth, we do not have to raise taxes and will continue to move at a good pace. I have enjoyed working with Councilman Davis, I thank you for all your hard work and we will miss your insight.

Council member White stated she appreciated all the knowledge from Councilman Davis and that she still loves him.

Councilman Davis said we had a great year we were very productive and I'm happy to have been a part of it. I would like to thank all the department heads employees staff and leadership. I believe the city is where it needs to be, we have had many challenges but we are all well, especially after the storm. Everyone did what they needed to do. Thank you to those who took care of the streets, the public safety and the money for the last 10 years and we are in a good spot. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all and let's light a tree tonight.

City manager Jonathan Sumner years said thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to council member Davis for your professionalism and knowledge and from making the right decisions. It has been a privilege to serve with chef Bennett he has done everything he can to preserve and protect the citizens and make it a safer place thank you for your great work. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Mayor Kane said he wished the best of luck to both the Chiefs; it has been a great working with them for the last 15 years. Congratulations to chief Thompson. Thank you to the council for all their decisions, thank you to the public works crews, it's been a very good year. Thank you to

Councilman Davis, I have enjoyed working with you for the last 10 years and I really appreciate your service. Thank you to The City Manager Jonathan Sumner, the public works department. Thank you to Victoria, Carol, Lisa and Jennifer. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN