

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**APRIL 4, 2024**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Klayton Luke, David Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief David Thompson, Interim Police Chief Yolanda Hall, MSD Price and Attorney Rob Plumb. 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 Owen

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. JANUARY 30, 2024 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. MARCH 5, 2024 WORK SESSION**

## **D. MARCH 7, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **A. HA-2024-04 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR NAIL SALON IN KINGS COURT OFFICE COMPLEX BY DAVID DELOACH (PLANNING DIRECTOR)**

This is a request by David DeLoach for Kings Court at 55 S Church Street to change zoning for 4 personal service shops. This property already received SE approval on 12-07-23 for Mindy Herringto operate personal service shop. The applicant now has several prospective tenants for person service shops and would like approval for up to 4 including the one that was approved in December. The Planning Commission reviewed and had 9-0 vote with conditions which were the same as staff recommendation. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor? Eric Summers of Kings Court

said he was in favor and thought this would be good business for Hahira.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against?

None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve with conditions which was seconded by**

**Mayor Pro Tem White. Mayor Pro Tem White,**

**Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke and**

**Councilman Lindsey all voted in favor of the motion.**

## **B. HOTEL-MOTEL TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-FIRST READING (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Attorney Plumb stated this is just housekeeping for the Hotel-Motel tax ordinance as discussed on Tuesday night. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the Ordinance amendment? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the Ordinance amendment? None noted.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

John Kramer of 604 Stagecoach Trail said he is here to discuss what is happening with the drainage ditch at Woodbridge. City Manager Sumner stated this was discussed at the retreat on Tuesday and we will move forward with re-bid. We might be able to break into two parts

to make it more affordable or we may be able to do the whole project depending on if the bids come down. We would put it on the Georgia website mid-April and give it 30 days. The third week of May we should have bids and come to Council at the June meeting with cost. IT all depends on if the cost comes down, they did not come down before. He also asked about who has ownership, homeowners for easement of the City.

Tracy Coastline of 605 Barnside said she is here about the same problem. I have problems with snakes, tall grass and fence falling due to the dirt. City Manager Sumner stated we are working on it as discussed and this would be 90-day project. He also said we will get with public works and see what can be done like we did before. Councilman Luke gave Ms. Coastline his card and said he will make sure this is addressed.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield,**

**Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. APPOINTMENTS TO HAHIRA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
(CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated we have three openings on the Hahira Housing Authority Board. Councilman Lindsey nominated Doug Robinson and Mayor Pro Tem White nominated Hilda Alderman. Mr. Mathis name was taken off due to lack of attendance. City Manager Sumner stated we can vote for the 2 nominated and then come back next month for the 3<sup>rd</sup> person. **A motion was made to nominate Doug Robinson and Hilda Alderman to the Housing Authority Board by Councilman Lindsey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem White. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BLUE JEAN BALL-MOTHER/SON DANCE-  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>-\$1,500**
- B. CERTIFIED MAIN STREET PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM-  
\$3,500**

- C. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
FIREWORKS-JUNE 29=\$15,000-SOUTHERN SKY  
FIREWORKS**
- D. HAHIRA SQUARE MARWQUEE REPAIR-STEWART  
SIGNS-\$1.460**
- E. POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL ANTENNA-  
MCLAGGAN-\$2,430-SPLOST VIII**
- F. WELL#2 AND WELL #3 UPGRADES-SPLOST VIII-  
\$13,000-SOWEGA CHLORINATOR INC**
- G. TRAFFIC CONES-TRAFFIC SIGN CORPORATION-  
\$1,669-SPLOST VIII**
- H. RADIOS-POLICE AND FIRE-#23,132-MOTOROLA-  
SPLOST VIII**
- I. STOP BARS-PEEK PAVEMENT MARKING, LLC-\$6,360-  
SPLOST VIII**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent agenda. None noted. **Councilman Luke made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey.**

**Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PROCLAMATION-MAYO TALLY LUCAS**

City Manager Sumner read a proclamation that was requested by the family for Mayo Tall Lucas who turned 98 years old and was born in Hahira.

## **REPORTS:**

Councilman Lindsey said than you for showing up and discussing the issues. I really appreciate you all.

Councilman Barfield said thank you to all our employees for the hard work and for keeping the City rolling.

Mayor Pro Tem White said Hahira is a great place to live and I am glad to be a part of it all.

Councilman Luke said thank you for the honor to serve. It is refreshing to have citizens here tonight. We had a great retreat on Tuesday and we have a lot going on in the City of Hahira. We have water, streets, Woodbridge drainage and slowing cars done that we all discussed. We have great department heads, great Council that will continue to work together and make this the best place to live. Councilman Lindsey and I went to Newly Elected training in Tifton and had our City Manager in a class. I would like to brag about him, our City Manager did a great job. Thank you to our office staff and to the Main Street program.

City Manager Sumner said thank you all for opportunity to serve and thank you to our department heads for all they do.

Chief Hall is doing a great job as we go through this process in the next few weeks and I want to thank you. Thank you to Chief Thompson and Fire department and to Public works for the good job that you all do. Thank you to front office, Main Street on wonderful job on events. We are starting audit season and then the budget process.

Mayor Cain said he would like to concur on all that has been said. It was all to the point and I agree. We are nothing without our personnel.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**