

CITY OF HAHIRA
FEBRUARY 6, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on February 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klay Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and PWD Willie Jones were all present.

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Owens

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JANUARY 7, 2025 WORK SESSION

B. JANUARY 9, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

C. JANUARY 17, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. HA-2025-01 REZONING REQUEST BY LAMAKA HOLDINGS, LLC FOR 106 & 108 NORTH CHURCH ST FROM R-10 TO R-P (CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Barfield recused himself.

City Manager Sumner reviewed the request as explained on Tuesday night. This is request to change from R-10 to RP for 106 & 108 North Church Street. This is an item that was grandfathered in and this change would not change the exterior of the building. This has been the zoning since 1984, this is to separate the house from the 6 apartments for future sale. If property does change in the future, then they would have to come back before Council for approval. Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor?

Councilman Barfield of 317 N Hagenbridge Road said as discussed before this is to help with sale of the properties as it is. We have special conditions living at the house and I would like to honor the wishes of my mother and I would like for them to be able to purchase the small house. I turned it over to Planning and Zoning and this is the plan they produced to

make this work. I have talked to a lot of people and they have no objections.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve HA-2025-01 zoning request from R-10 to R-P which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barfield recused himself from the vote.

B. HA-2025-02 VARIANCE REQUEST TO SETBACK

REQUIREMENTS REQUEST BY LAMAKA HOLDINGS, LLC FOR 106 & 108 NORTH CHURCH STREET (CITY MANAGER)

The Mayor stated this item was discussed with HA=2025-01 on Tuesday night. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against it? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor? None noted.

Councilman Luke made a motion to approve HA-2025-02 which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barfield recused himself from the vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. **None noted. Councilman Lindsey made a motion to pay**

the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. TRUCK MOTOR PURCHASE (PWD JONES)

We had several good replacement quotes. The Jasper Motor has 100,000 miles warranty with ATK 4 years unlimited mileage. It has been sitting for awhile and I think we also need to replace the hoses and water pump. The work would be done by Hahira Automotive at the cost of \$8,816.58 and this would come out of the Proprietary fund. **Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

B. HOT ASPHALT PATCHING BOX (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones stated he received 4 quotes. The one with the best warranty, price and time to get it repaired would be in Falcon Warren Equipment in Valdosta for the price of \$61,037.45. We could get one cheaper for the amount of \$57,000 but it is out of Michigan and we could not get it there for repairs on the warranty. This would be beneficial on fixing potholes, permanent patches and would buy us time on paving. City Manager Sumner stated he thinks this would be a great purchase. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the Hot Asphalt Patching Box which was seconded by Mayor Pro**

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. HOUSE BILL 581-FLOATING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:
HAHIRA WILL GRANT EXEMPTION TO ALL HOMEOWNERS
AND STAY IN**
- B. SMALL CITIES CONFERENCE-MAY 7-9, 2025-TIFTON**
- C. ROBERT E KNOX MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE-
MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE-SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2025-
LAGRANGE (CITY MANAGER)**
- D. 3 RADIOS-SPLOST VIII-MOTOROLA-\$17,830**
- E. NEW PUMPER-PIERCE-SPLOST IX,X,XI**
- F. PTSD INSURANCE COVERAGE-GIRMA RESOLUTION**

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

REPORTS:

Councilman Barfield said he appreciate your support; we always try to do what is good for the people. Thank you to the Directors, Chiefs and Council for all that you do, I enjoy working with you all.

Mayor Pro Tem White said we do have the Retreat tomorrow and everyone is invited to attend if interested. I love Hahira and all the people.

Councilman Luke said thank you for the honor and privilege to serve, we are moving forward and I am excited about the future. We voted in favor of very important PTSD support through Insurance. Thank you to the Directors, office staff and City Manager. Thank you for this great book for the Retreat tomorrow and I am looking forward to all the great things that are coming. February is Black History Month and there will be an event at the Depot on February 23 from 3-5 p.m. We will serve hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone is welcome. Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

Councilman Lindsey said ditto to all that has been said. I would like to thank Hahira Automotive for the good deal and I would like to invite everyone to the 2025 retreat.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, thank you to all the department heads and staff on the work that they do each day. I am looking forward to the Retreat at the depot tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is divided into departments and we will have a lot of planning. Thank you to the Administrative staff also.

Mayor Cain said Ditto to all that has been said, I appreciate all the department heads, they need things and we try to get what they need to do the job, sometimes it takes time but we do our best to help the employees. I appreciate everyone's hard work; I appreciate them all.

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

ADJOURNED.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN