

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

JULY 11, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on July 11, 2024, at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klayton Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield, and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Stryde Jones, Fire Chief David Thompson 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 Ralph Jackson

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JUNE 4, 2024, WORK SESSION

B. JUNE 6, 2024, COUNCIL 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 White all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Freeman Rivers of 204 S Hall said he had two things to discuss. 1. The traffic in Hahira at Union Road and Hwy 122. He said the area is very dark and he thinks we need lights there to help people get in and out of that area. 2. I think that the Mayor and Council should consider adding Juneteenth to the list of holidays. It is a Federal holiday and I think it should be observed.

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 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. BILLBOARDS-TRAILHEAD MEDIA- \$6,345**
Mayor Pro Tem White said after several phone calls and communications MSD Price has several donations for the billboards. They want billboards. She has done a good job raising money to help pay for them and I think we should give her the \$6,345 to pay for them. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions? None noted. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the \$6,345.00 for billboards which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke, and Councilman Lindsey all voted in favor of the motion.

City Manager Sumner added an update to the sidewalk project that was left off the agenda. We did receive an estimate for the eastern side of sidewalk over eight hundred feet and it was \$100,000. We can look at the smaller section of about 180 feet and the cost would be \$25,000 and we could use the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. I think we should

postpone it for 30 days. **Councilman Lindsey made a motion to table the sidewalk repair until the next meeting which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem White. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield, and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. FINE RATE ADJUSTMENT**
- B. POLICE CHIEFS CONFERENCE**
- C. HAHIRA HOUSING AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENT-SHAYLA LONDAN**

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

REPORTS:

Councilman Lindsey thanked Mr. Rivers for mentioning the Juneteenth holiday we have discussed that and will work on that. Thank you for your concern. I appreciated Chief Thompson and the fire department for the quick

response when I had an exploded battery today in my car. Thank you.

Councilman Barfield said thank you to all departments, we had a great 4th of July event. I commend everyone on all their work and dedication.

Mayor Pro Tem White said it is good to be around good people and be a family again. Hahira is a great place to be. Thank you to Chief Jones for the newsletter and I am happy to see Chief 1 and Chief 2 here tonight. Thank you to Main Street for the good job.

Councilman Luke said thank you to resident Mr. Rivers for coming and presenting the items. We know it is an issue at Hwy 122 and we are working behind the scenes to do something. I also support Juneteenth; it should be honored. Thank you to the department heads for their great job and good job on all the road checks. God Bless the USA and God Bless Everyone.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thank you to all the department heads, thank you for what you do every day. Thank you to the front office staff, they deal with complaints and issues daily. We have had an illness in the Public works department this week and I hope that everyone is better soon. Thank you to Jennifer and Kayla for a great July 4th event.

The Mayor said thank you for your concerns to Mr. Rivers and I appreciate all department heads. The public works department worked 7 days straight and I appreciate all their hard work. I also appreciate the fire department and PD for all the work they did for the 4th of July event. They did a wonderful job. I also appreciate the Council, City Manager, and staff for all that they do.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN