

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

MAY 2, 2024

COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on May 2, 2024 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Council Klayton Luke, David Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White. Councilman Barfield was not present. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Stryde Jones, Fire Chief David Thomas and MSD Jennifer Price. Councilman Mason Barfield was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Owen

OATH OF OFFICE:

Police Chief Stryde Jones was sworn in by Mayor Bruce Cain.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. APRIL 2, 2024 FY24 RETREAT

- B. APRIL 2, 2024 WORK SESSION**
- C. APRIL 4, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
- D. APRIL 9, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- E. APRIL 11, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**
- F. APRIL 18, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN ORDINANCE (CITY ATTORNEY)

Attorney Rob Plumb this is simply IRS review compliance which allows the benefits to be tax free. There are a few technical changes due to the tax code. I can review them if you would like but I have reviewed the documentation. On page 36 there is a Resolution/Ordinance that would need to be signed for approval. After that it would be codified. 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.

No discussion was noted. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve the Resolution/Ordinance which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion. The Mayor stated we will now come out of Public Hearing.

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. EAST PARK STREET SIDEWALK (COUNCILMAN LINDSEY)

Councilman Lindsey said he would like to know if you were able to get any estimates for the sidewalks on East Park Street that was discussed on Tuesday night. PW Jones said it is about 60 feet on S West to Nelson Street. We spoke to Carter & Sloope engineering and they

stated the sidewalk would have to be removed and then pour new sidewalks. We are in the process of getting estimates. We also found out that drainage is eligible for sidewalks and roads so this may help with pricing. PWD Jones said I spoke to Sam the Concrete man and he gave ballpark figures, \$25,000 to remove old sidewalks and \$56,000 for the new. He stated he is not local but he does have estimator in area. Councilman Lindsey said we also need a price to pave Randall Street. He stated we need to move forward and use SPLOST money, if we cannot do the whole thing then do possible 500 feet. City Manager Sumner said that he wished we had SPLOST but what we do have now has been set aside for the remaining amount on the generators, \$75,000 and the ladder truck payment will use the remaining balance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. INCODE TRAINING-\$5,600-TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-TECHNOLOGY FUND**
- B. INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTOR CONTRACT-JAMES BROWN**
- C. 15 HORSEPOWER PUMP, BYPASS PUMP-\$80,375-HYDRA SERVICE-SPLOST VIII**
- D. LIFT STATION FENCE WORK-\$2,000-BECTON FENCING-SPLOST VIII**

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem White said it is a joy to see everyone here tonight and welcome to our new Chief of Police and new Fire Chief. I love Hahira. I think we are a team working for the right goals. Great job to the PW department, Fire and Police department.

Councilman Luke said Hahira is a special place.

Congratulations to Chief Stryde Jones, welcome to Hahira. I think he will do a great job. Thank you to Chief Thompson, Director Price and PWD Jones who does a phenomenal job. I appreciate this Council, Lisa, City Manager and the Mayor is a blessing.

Councilman Lindsey said ditto to all that has been said.

Thank you to Chief Jones and Congratulation, you are always there and I thank you for that. Thank you to Chief Thompson and PWD Jones. We are all learning how government functions and how they work hard.

Mayor Pro Tem White said she would like to Thank Interim Police Chief Yolanda Hall for stepping in and the great job that you did when we needed you.

City Manager Sumner said he would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve and Congratulations to Police Chief Jones. Welcome to the Hahira family. Thank you to Yolanda Hall for stepping in and our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Thompson and his department. Thank you to PWD Jones and the front office staff, Carol, Lisa and Victoria. They will be working on the FY23 audit with the auditors to have it ready for Council next month. Thank you to Director Price and the local Pastors for Nation day of Prayer. We need the support of Prayers and God.

Mayor Cain said ditto to all that has been said. Thank you to Yolanda Hall for the fantastic job, you were ready for it. Thank you to all for your professionalism. Thank you to Public works department, for all the guys and what they do. Thank you to the Fire department and Police department. Thank you to the Main Street Director, I think we have the best in Georgia. Thank you to our office staff, Lisa, Carol, Victoria and City Manager, he is my right-hand man.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN