

CITY OF HAHIRA
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council met for a Council Meeting on November 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Louise White presiding.

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Pro Tem Louise White

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Louise White

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Owens

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 WORK SESSION

B. SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

C. OCTOBER 3, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Councilman Luke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. HA-2024-05 REZONING REQUEST FOR FANCY GIRL FARMS (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

City Manager Jonathan Sumner said the Planning and Zoning Administrator will not be present tonight. As discussed ON Tuesday night this is request for overflow parking for the new Fancy Girl Farms at Newsome Street which would be E Park Street and S Newsome Street. We are all excited about the new development. The property around is all CH. The Planning Commission voted on October 28th with 8-0 vote for approval. Mayor Pro Tem White asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. Mayor Pro Tem White asked if anyone wished to speak against Rezoning request. None noted. Mayor Pro Tem White asked if

anyone wished to speak in favor. Mike Sumner of Fancy Girl Farms stated we are only asking to change the zoning for parking.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve HA-2024-05 Rezoning request which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Luke all voted in favor of the motion.

B. FY25 BUDGET PRELIMINARY ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner said you have FY25 Budget draft III with Capital request for each department. The calendar year is January-December and the process takes about 6 months. The budget has been advertised as required and tonight is the preliminary adoption. We do have copies at City Hall and via email if requested. The budget is similar to the 2024 budget with cost-of-living allocations. You can read the Mayor's budget message and see the areas of increase and where the money is set to be spent. The budget is a guideline and not set in stone, it can be changed as needed. We will have FY2024 budget

amendments at the December 2024 Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem White asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. Mayor Pro Tem White asked if anyone wished to speak against the FY2025 budget. None noted. Mayor Pro Tem Shite asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the FY2025 budget. None noted.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the Preliminary adoption of the FY2025 budget which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Lindsey and Councilman Luke all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Duane Roark of 3780 Newsome Road, Valdosta said that he is impressed with Hahira. I think the Council is doing a great job. We had Post 218 Pancake breakfast and it was great. I am President of Vet Tem 6 and I would like to thank Tim Coombs for helping a fellow Vet with his air conditioning needs when he could not afford to pay for it and needed help. We meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with about 17 members and I am very proud to be a part of it.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSION: REMOVED

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. 2025 CITIES UNITED CONFERENCE-ATLANTA-23-27**
- B. 2025 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
- C. APPOINTMEN TO HAHIRA MAIN STREET BOARD-AMANDA CORNELIUS**
- D. POLICE DEPARTMENT 3 LAPTOPS-\$5,480-IT PROVICER-SP;OST VIII**
- E. TWO AERATORS-\$22,890-KOM;INE SOLUTIONS-SPLOST VIII**
- F. EMERGENCY FUEL TANK-\$4,250-AKINS LLC-SPLOST VIII**
- G. EXCAVATOR FLAIL/BRUSH MOWER-\$7,512-NEEDHAM AG TECHNOLOGIES-SPLOST VIII**

H. CHRISTMAS BONUSES-\$26,000-GENERAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS

I. DECEMBER 10-CHRISTMAS PARTY-GAYS FOOD-GENERAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS

J. DECEMBER MEETINGS AGENDA AND PACKET DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE-NOVEMBER 18, 5 P.M. AND NOVEMBER 21, 2024

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

REPORTS:

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45.

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MAYOR PRO TEM LOUISE WHITE

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN