

CITY OF HAHIRA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting on September 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. 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, PWD Willie Jones, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and MSD Jennifer Price.

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JULY 30, 2024 WORK SESSION

B. AUGUST 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

**A. THIRD MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING AND
SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is the third Public Hearing as required by law, the Public hearings were advertised and held at the Courthouse on August 29th at noon and 6:00 pm. We did a rollback last year to 4.969 and it is a recommendation of the staff to hold at this rate. We did have an increase due to property assessments by the tax assessor's office so we have to advertise an increase. If you hold at this rate we will set the millage and begin to work on the FY25 budget. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the Millage Rate? None noted. The Mahor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the millage rate? None noted. The Mayor asked if the Council had any discussion. Mayor Pro Tem White stated she thinks we need to leave it at 4.969. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem White to approve the 4.969 Millage rate which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindse and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINING**
- B. WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN RENEWAL-TTL-\$9,441-SPLOST VIII**
- C. SANITATION CONTRACT-DEEP SOUTH SANITATION**
- D. IT CONTRACT-VIRTUAL WORLD TECHNOLOGIES-\$68,400-GENERAL AND PROPRIETARY FUNDS**
- E. GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FIANNCE AUTHORITY LOAN DOCUMENTATION-\$7,000,000 FOR WASTWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, \$200,000 FOR ENGINEERING NAD REDRILL OF WELL #1**

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.

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem White said she was glad to see the citizens coming out tonight. She said Mr. Freeman we are working on District 1 suggestion of stop sign. I am thankful for this team.

Councilman Luke said thank you to the employees and Congratulations to Chief Stryde on the Executive training certification. Thank you also for the newsletter. I appreciate the work, thank you to Chief Thompson with all the work from the storm and thank you to MSD Price for all the work on the events that are coming up. Thank you to PWD Jones on all your hard work, the drains all worked better during the last storm and it is appreciated. Thank you to the front office staff. We are blessed to live in Hahira.

Councilman Lindsey thanked the City Manager for helping us hold the millage. Thank you to the staff for the Engineering and the Wastewater Plant, everyone is doing what they can to fix the problem.

Councilman Barfield said he wanted to thank all the directors, I understand all the hard work . Hahira has graduated. We are no longer a little town we are a City. We have to have a vision for the future of the City. People want to have more businesses coming to our little town. I have gotten a lot of calls about the decision that was made back in 2001 to approve apartments on Stanfill Street. That was an important zoning decision for growth. We need to look at the worst case scenario in the future when doing any zoning

changes. We have a lot of tuff decision to be sure we do what is best for the future of Hahira.

City Manager Sumner thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve and thanked the staff for the work they do. We have some great things coming up, check the Hahira Happenings page and see all the events. We also have the Hahira Honeybee Festival coming up. We will start on the budget next month now that the millage rate is set, we will have some revenue challenges but I think the accounts are sustainable, we will have more coming in during the month of October.

Mayor Cain said he agrees with all that has been said and Congratulations to Chief Stryde. Thank you to Director Price for putting Hahira on the map, she received an award in Thomasville last week, thank you for all your hard work.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6 p.m.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN