**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**APRIL 30, 2024**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session on April 30, 2024 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** City Manager Jonathan Sumner

**ENGINEER SELECTION FOR GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY WELL #1 REDRILLING PROJECT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this requires a Special Called Meeting due to GEFA Board Meeting on May 1, 2024. We have been informed by GEFA underwriting that the City will be approve for its two requested loans at the May 1, 2024 meeting of the GEFA Board. They will consider the treatment plant and the redrill of Well #1. This is for one loan in the amount of 7 million for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the other for approximately $400,000 in order to pay the balance needed for the redrill of Well #1, $200,000 of the $400,000 is for Engineering. The request for proposal process must be completed in order to be eligible for GEFA funding prior to the board meeting. GEF is also requiring the City designate an additional $380,000 in funds as reserve account that must be maintained in a Certificate of Deposit for the life of the 30-year loan period. There was an RFP in respect to Engineering for the projects that after the 30-day period we had two proposals. One was Carter and Sloope Engineering and AE Engineering from Leesburg. They were both good proposals. I did not find where AE Engineering had any enrollment in water projects when doing the score sheets. AE Engineering score was lower than Carter & Sloope. We need to approve Carter and Sloope before the board meeting and that is the purpose of this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve Carter and Sloope Engineering which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Luke and Councilman Lindsey all voted in favor of the motion.

**CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION** : Mayor Bruce Cain

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

1. **APRIL 2, 2024 FY24 RETREAT**
2. **APRIL 2, 2024 WORK SESSION**
3. **APRIL 4, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
4. **APRIL 9, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION**
5. **APRIL 11, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**
6. **APRIL 18, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING: DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN ORDINANCE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated these are some of the grammatical corrections in our Retirement Plan ordinance that are required. The City Attorney has reviewed and will be present at the Thursday night Council Meeting if you have any questions.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **EAST PARK STREET SIDEWALK (COUNCILMAN LINDSEY)**

Councilman Lindsey stated on May 13, 2024 he was called concerning safety regarding the sidewalks by citizens on S. Nelson Street to West Street. It is hard to walk and push strollers in this area due to the sidewalks. We need to have the sidewalks accessible; we have a lot of foot traffic in that area. There is uneven ground and we have a lot of elderly that walk there. The PWD stated we purchased grinders in the past but they did not work there, those sidewalks are too far gone. PWD Jones said that he recommends removing those sidewalks and have them redone. I think it is about 60 feet. I had hoped to have time with staff to train to do this but it has not been able to happen. City Manager Sumner asked if there is anyone to do a small job like this. PWD Jones stated this is hard to find. Mayor Pro Tem White said I think we need to get prices and find someone that can do it for the safety of our citizens, I think we need to get several quotes. PWD Jones stated this repair is not ideal for someone that just has a cement mixer. City Manager Sumner stated we will need to get several bids. The Mayor said we will have to do a bid package and get all the measurements and prepare engineering.

1. **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION FOR KINGS COURT OFFICE COMPLEX (DAVID DELOACH)**

Vicky Davis 220 Hatfield Circle said she would like to request special exception for a Velocity Indoor Cycling Studio at 505 S Church Street. The Mayor stated this is not going to fit. City Manager Sumner stated the current zoning is Office Professional. It is not zoned for athletics and that would be considered Commercial as discussed on the phone today. You will need to go through the pre application stage at the Planning and Zoning Office to start the process. It would need to be advertised and there is $1,000 application fee. It would need to go through the Planning Commission and that is all non-Commercial zoning. In the past the City was not supportive of this due to residential neighborhood around the Office Complex. I do not think it would be feasible for the applicant.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

1. **INCODE TRAINING-$5,000-TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-TECHNOLOGY FUND (CHIEF JONES)**
2. Chief Jones stated this request for Tyler Technology on-site training for court staff on the new Tyler software. It would be 4-day training and it was not included in the original quote. This would come out of the technology fund.
3. **INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTOR CONTRACT-JAMES BROWN (PWD JONES)**

**PWD Jones said that our previous Infrastructure** Inspector Bobby has moved on and we need someone to inspect with all the building going on in the City. James Brown who has worked with DOT and that I have worked with before could fill in the for the position. Councilman Lindsey asked if he would be working with getting proper drainage. PWD Jones said yes he would be overseeing the City.

1. **15 HORSEPOWER PUMP, BYPASS PUMP-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

The pump we have now held up until after the storm. It was budgeted for 4 inch which is good but we really need a 6 inch which would be about $80,000.

1. **LIFT STATION FENCE WORK-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones said we have 2 lift station fences that need to be expanded due to the generators being mounted. The cost would be $1693.00.

SET MAY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SET MAY CONSENT AGENDA

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**