

CITY OF HAHIRA

JUNE 1, 2021

WORK SESSION

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Terry Benjamin, Tony Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, PWD Brandon Rice, MSD Jennifer Price, Police Chief Terry Davis and Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson. Fire Chief Dwight Bennett was not present.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. MAY 4, 2021 WORK SESSION

B. MAY 6, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. FY20 AUDIT (CITY AUDITOR)

Nick Valenti and Denise Rackley of Valenti, Rackley and Associates, LLC are here to present the FY20 Audit report. Mr. Valenti reviewed the hand outs and stated that he would like to commend staff and the efforts by all to get the Audit completed in a timely manner. We used the Professional standards along with Government Audit Standards and our findings show clean opinion. The key financial note is the City is in the black for FY20 in the amount of \$208,000. SPLOST VII is completed and SPLOST VII has a balance of about \$429,000. The Water Sewer account had loss of \$185,273 with depreciation but positive cash flow of \$20,000. General fund had increase of \$131,490. The City had no new debt last year. We had no findings and no violations. Every small government has segregation of duties finding and we just have to make you aware of it, you will have to review for risk. You had \$158,561 Covid funds that made up the bulk of being in the black. We presented communication letter and had no difficulties along the way. We did have some correction journal entries and they are complete. He

then asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. City Manager Sumner said that he appreciates Valenti and Rackley for getting it done on time, we appreciate the job they do and the staff on the good team effort. Councilman Benjamin said yes he would like to thank them for the last 11 years, it has been seamless and they have done an excellent job.

B. WEST STANFILL STREET COST UPDATE (TIM INGRAM)

The Mayor stated we have a paper copy of the revised cost estimate. It is \$778,785 for paving from the S curve to Union Road. City Manager Sumner stated that he talked to Tim Ingram and he stated this is a bad time to bid anything regarding road construction. I recommend putting this off until next summer or at least the end of the year to see if the prices will come down. We do have potential financing available that we can service out of SPLOST. The Mayor stated we are still reviewing the cost estimate, I have plans to see why the prices are so high. Sumner stated that Osoff had program for Infrastructure financing in certain areas but it expire

on May 17th. I am not sure there will be another round. Sumner stated we do have other streets to price and consider. Councilman Davis said I do not understand this estimate, I think we should put it off until the July meeting to get clarification.

Councilman Benjamin said I think we should do as much as we can, we have a group of citizens that have been waiting on this, maybe fill in pot holes and put down new lines. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said this is \$800,000 and it does not take care of the S-curve, we need to know the possibilities to fix that problem. The Mayor stated that Mr. Ingram is working on that cost estimate but I feel it will be 1.2 million. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said we need to address this problem for the future. The Mayor stated that Lawson Street is closed and a lot of people use Stanfill, it is a straight shot with one curve. City Manager Sumner stated that he will get with Mr. Ingram and get the full cost estimate. Councilman Davis said what about T-SPLOST funds and Sumner stated they are not what we expected, maybe \$300,000 at the end of it all but Tap will use up all that, we always have SPLOST.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. TASERS AND BODY CAMERAS-SPLOST VIII (CHIEF DAVIS)

This is a request by Chief Davis to purchase new safety equipment that is needed. This was all discussed at the retreat and this is the best that is out there. This is a 5 year plan, \$18,172 for initial set up and then \$17,172 per year for the 85 year contract. This is for 9 Tasers and body cameras. It will have a tracking device and safety features to let the officer's body know they are getting the Taser.

B. DEPOT BLINDS-SPLOST VIII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that it is very hot in the Depot in the mornings and later in the afternoon. We think that putting up blinds will help this. I have three different prices. 1) \$3,300 2) 4,000 (solar) 3) \$6,300 (shade type). These are SPLOST eligible expense. The City Manager asked MSD Price which she recommended and she said the cheapest ones, if they have to be replaced it will not be very expensive. Sumner stated yes we are also looking into device for the unoccupied building in case of flooding or other event.

SET JUNE COUNCIL AGENDA:

-ALL ITEMS REMOVED OR MOVED TO CONSENT
AGENDA

SET JUNE CONSENT AGENDA:

-FY20 AUDIT
-TASERS AND BODY CAMERAS-AXON-\$18,172 FY21
\$17,172 EACH YEAR-FY22-25
-DEPOT BLINDS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN