

CITY OF HAHIRA
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Louise White, Kenneth Davis, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti present. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Asst Fire Chief David Thompson, PWD Willie Jones and MSD Jennifer Price Present. City Manager Jonathan Sumner was not present.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. AUGUST 1, 2023 WORK SESSION**
- B. AUGUST 3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. AUGUST 15, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING- COUNCIL MEETING

- A. AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK ORDINANCE-DISTILLED BEVERAGES (THIRD READING CITY ATTORNEY)**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD- (COUNCIL MEETING)

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. HIRING PROCESS-POLICE CHIEF (MAYOR CAIN)

Mayor Cain stated as we all know Chief Davis will retire and his last day is December 15, 2023. Chief Davis has suggested using the Chiefs Association to help with the hiring process. Mayor Cain asked Chief Davis to come and talk to everyone about the process and what they can do. Chief Davis said they will advertise Stage and Nationwide. They will do background checks and fingerprints and will basically screen and send the top candidates to us. I would like to suggest requirements that the person live X number of miles from Hahira, have education and experience. You can put the requirements you would like and they will filter. You would have access to all applications if you would like but this is a screening process. I have put the information in your packets but feel it would be a good thing to do. I think the process would take 1 month to 6 weeks.

Mayor Cain stated this will cost us so I would need approval to move forward.

B. HIRING PROCESS-FIRE CHIEF (MAYOR CAIN)

Mayor Cain stated this would be a different process. Chief Bennett will take application and see that candidates meet qualifications. It would be advertised and all applications would be discussed. We can do panel of 2-3 like we did before and this process would take 30-45 days. We would just need approval to advertise as our next step.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

**A. LIFT STATION PUMPS-BEELINE TRAILER PARK-SPLOST VIII-\$4,858-AAG
ELECTRIC MOTORS AND PUMPS (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones said we have upgraded and replaced several pumps and it paid off this last week when the storm came through. We now need one at Bee Line Trailer Park area. We have one pump out and it keeps tripping breakers and we need smaller pump. The pump we have there now is obsolete, it is 18 years old. We do not want a sewer spill, East Stanfill is a low spot also. On a side note, the 4-inch pass pump worked 49 hours last week with no problems and we had 7-8 inches of water.

B. MAIN STREET LIGHT UPGRADES-RAILROAD TRACKS TO NEWSOME STREET-SPLOST VIII-\$5,439-ETHERIDGE ELECTRIC (PWD JONES)

This is requested to replace the lights that do not work on Main Street. We have 13 lights that need to be working for the Honeybee Festival. We tried to repair but they are worn out. We would like to replace them with the LED lights that we have now.

C. ICE MACHINE-SPLOST VIII-\$4,202 (MAYOR CAIN)

The Ice Machine at City Hall is not working. The repair cost would be \$3,800 or replacement cost for new one would be \$4,200.

SET SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-HIRING PROCESS-POLICE CHIEF

-HIRING PROCESS-FIRE CHIEF

SET SEPTEMBER CONSENT AGENDA:

-LIFT STATION PUMPS-BEELINE TRAILER PARK-SPLOST VIII-\$4,858-AAG ELECTRIC MOTORS AND PUMPS

-MAIN STREET LIGHT UPGRADES-RAILROAD TRACKS TO NEWSOME STREET-SPLOST VIII-\$5, 439-ETHERIDGE ELECTRIC

-ICE MACHINE-SPLOST VIII-4,302-KATOM RESTAURANT SUPPLY

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN

