

CITY OF HAHIRA
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council met for a Work Session on November 5, 2024 with Mayor Pro Tem Louise White presiding.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Louise White

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Pro Tem Louise White

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 WORK SESSION**
- B. SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. OCTOBER 3, 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem White if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administrator presented Ha-2024-05 request. Mr. Martin stated this is request for Fancy Girl Farms to rezone vacant lot on West Park that separates Commercial and Residential zones for overflow restaurant parking. He reviewed the maps presented to Mayor and Council. This item was presented to the Planning Commission with an 8-0 vote for approval.

Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

B. FY25 BUDGET PRELIMINARY ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the budget season has been delayed due to getting the Millage rate numbers late and due to the hurricane. The report shows last year along with previous year and current budget requests for 2025. It will be advertised and come before you at the December meeting. We do have time for any changes and questions before we adopt the FY2025 Budget at the next meeting. We did have a few changes to the SPLOST account and the decreased revenue was offset by franchise fees and taxes. The budget is a guideline and can be changed. You can pick up a copy at City Hall or request electronic copy.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Pro Tem Louise White asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills. None noted.

DISCUSSIONS:

- A. VARIANCE REQUEST PREVIEW-SMITH HOUSE (COUNCIL MEETING-MASON BARFIELD)** Mr. Martin also presented a Variance request preview for the Smith House. A sketch of the property is in your packets. The applicant, Mr. Barfield is requesting rezoning and split of the property because it has two separate buildings that have shared driveway. It will also require variance setbacks; it will come back to you at the December meeting.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

- A. 2025 CITIES UNITED CONFERENCE-ATLANTA, JANUARY 23-27-JANUARY 2025 (CITY MANAGER)** City Manager Sumner stated this is annual event held in Atlanta. The information is in your packets, I just need to know who would like to attend. City Manager Sumner, Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Luke and Councilman Lindsey would all like to attend.

2025 MEETING AHOLIDAY SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated the meeting dates and the holidays are listed in your packets. A few of the dates were changed due to Holidays. The Retreat will be February 7th . Councilman Lindsey said he would like to see about adding Juneteenth to the holiday calendar and requested the Holiday payroll for consideration.

B. APPOINTMENT TO HAHIRA MAIN STREET BOARD (MSD JENNIFER PRICE)

MSD Price said the Main Street Board would like to appoint Amanda Cornelius of Sweetwater Medical and Spa to the board.

C. COMPUTER PURCHASE-SPLOST VIII-(CHIEF (JONES)

Chief Jones said he would like to request three laptops for the new software which would allow the court to go paperless. The total cost would be \$5,479.86 and would be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

D. TWO AERATORS (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones said he would like to replace the repurposed ones because we do not have any in store for back up.

The feeder to the wastewater must have them. The cost would be \$22,890.00 and would be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

E. BACK UP FUEL TANK (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones said after the last storm we realized we do need a back up fuel tank for emergencies. During the last storm resources were scarce. This tank would hold 1,000 gallons and would be for emergency use only. The cost to rent them during the last storm was about \$1,000 per month.

F. CUTTER HEAD FOR EXCAVATOR (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones stated we need a cutter head for the excavator so that we can cut the ditches. The cost is \$7,512 and would be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

G. CHRISTMAS BONUSES (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this was started back in 1985 and is a tradition and we would like to continue it. There is a scale based on time of service which is the full week paycheck after 5 years. It is meant for Christmas but we give it out at the Thanksgiving lunch so that the employees can use it for the holidays. The total is about \$26,000 which is paid out of both funds.

**H. THANKSGIVING LUNCH-NOVEMBER 22;
CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10 (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that we will have the annual Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, November 22nd and all employees are invited. Years ago the owner of the Discount Corner, Rajesh, started paying for the lunch for the employees. He passed away a few years ago and the current owners want to carry on paying for the lunch for the City employees and we are all grateful for them. I would also like to remind everyone that the Annual Christmas party for the employees will be December 10th at the Depot. We will have dinner and play games.

**I. DECEMBER MEETING AGENDA DEADLINE AND
PACKET DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE-NOVEMBER 18, 5
P.M. AND NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

Due to the Holidays and time off the Agenda Deadline is November 18th and the packets will go out on November 21st.

SET NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SET NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED.

MAYOR PRO TEM LOUISE WHITE

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN