

CITY OF HAHIRA

JANUARY 31, 2023

WORK SESSION

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on January 31, 2023 for a Work Session with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Louise White , Kenneth Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, PWD Willie Jones, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Terry Davis and MSD Jennifer Price.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JANUARY 3, 2023 WORK SESSION**
- B. JANUARY 5, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. HA-2023-01 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FROM BOVALDOSTA FOR BOJANGLES, 940 GEORGIA HIGHWAY 122 WEST (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Matt Martin said that both items are for the same property, same applicant and they are both in the overlay district. The location is on Georgia Hwy 122 West across from Wendy's and Food Lion. This is considered special use due to ordinance reading 8 pumps or less. The applicant is requesting 16 pumps which requires Special Exception. The questions are how many pumps in the ground, this has never come up before. The applicant and I have difference definition of pumps. The intent was to have small gas station in that area and not a large station. The applicant has already had to change entrance and they will add additional curbing. The question tonight is regarding the definition of eight pumps. The Mayor stated that the site plans had eight pumps with canopy. Martin stated we need clarification of pump. I count pump as how many nozzles but the applicant has different definition. They believe a pump can have many nozzles.

City Manager Sumner stated he had this question from planning staff and I refer to City Attorney who agrees with planning staff. The Mayor asked if anyone had any additional questions? None noted.

B. HA-2023-02 VARIANCE REQUEST FROM BOVALDOSTA FOR BOJANGLES 940 GEORGIA HIGHWAY 122 WEST (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

Discussed with item A.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. 2023 HONEYBEE FESTIVAL (LANA HALL)

Lana Hall Honeybee Festival President stated she has sent list for Council that they gave \$16,000 back to the Community. We are starting planning for next year and I think it will be similar to the past. We are working with Lt Pitchford to make handicap parking and the parade better for next year. We are also reaching out to the Community for additional help and cutting back on vendors. Thank you to all the City employees that help every year.

B. HONEYBEE MONUMENT LOCATION UPDATE (CITY MANAGER)

Councilmember Barfield stated that he had a lot of people bring this placement to his attention. A lot of the people want it where you can see if when you ride by, they feel it is a major attraction for the kids. City Manager Sumner presented Mayor and Council with drawing of where it is requested to be placed. Councilmember Davis stated that he does not feel that is good location, on the sidewalk and one placement is basically at wheelchair ramp. I think we need to measure the base and the island before we decide and I would like to know what DOT suggest. He stated we should postpone until we have more information.

C. WOODBRIDGE DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated the advertisement has been submitted. Carter and Sloop raised the question about on line advertisement, it delays it another week but we may get more quotes. We will probably not be able to vote on this until the April meeting.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. MAIN STREET BOARD APPOINTMENTS (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price stated we have two appointments this term. One would like to have reappointment to the Main Street Board and we have one that resigned. MSD Price received application and voted to approve Miriam Valcin of Ish Delish Nutrition.

B. TEACHERS LUNCHEONS-MAY 25 & 26 2023-\$2500-ONEALS (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price will hold the Teachers luncheon on two dates this year, May 25th and 26th at the depot. We decided to have Smokin Pig do the luncheon and the cost is \$2500.00.

C. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT-#1,924-SPLOST VIII (CHIEF BENNETT)

Chief Bennett requested mobile suction unit (2) and external battery charger for the Fire truck. This equipment is needed and the cost is \$1,924 and can be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

D. GCCMA SPRING CONFERENCE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner requested to attend GCCMA Spring Conference in Athens in March. Cost is included in the packets.

SET FEBRUARY COUNCIL AGENDA:

-All items moved or removed

SET FEBRUARY CONSENT AGENDA:

-2023 Honeybee Festival

-Main Street Board Appointments

-Teacher's Luncheon-May 25th and 26th-\$2,500-Smokin Pig

-Fire Department Medical Equipment-\$1,924-SPLOST VIII

-GCCMA Spring Conference

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

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CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN