

Council Meeting
July 9, 1998

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor John Adams presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Council: Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Beverly Martin; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Lt. Terry Davis.

ABSENT: Chief Woodrow W. Blue, Jr; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams called on Council Griffin to give the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 1998, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Williams made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business: Representatives Jay Shaw and Tim Golden gave an update on the 1998 legislative session. Representative Jay Shaw stated that the city would receive a \$10,000 grant for Smith Park and a \$25,000.00 grant for City Hall. Representative Tim Golden stated that the city would receive a \$5,000.00 grant for the Hahira Historical Society. Representative Shaw also mentioned that long distance telephone calls to surrounding cities were now toll free.

Mrs. Ruth Reddy requested the council accept the right of way of the extension to Elizabeth Street and the easement to the water line adjacent to her mobile home park. She further requested the city clean brush from the easement for the sewer line from highway 122 to her park. Council Griffin made a motion to accept street right of way and water line easement, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the purchase request for downtown area trash containers. Council Griffin made a motion to authorize the purchase of eight trash containers for

the downtown area at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for council's approval or disapproval to advertise in the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber publication at a cost of \$1,900.00. Council Williams made a motion to advertise, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams called on Lt. Terry Davis to report on equipment needed for the new police car that the city received from the county. Total to spend would be \$4,000.00. Council Martin made a motion to spend \$4,000.00 to update the car that was received from the county, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported that travel expenses for Police Chief to attend Chief's convention in Savannah on July 18 - 21st would be around \$300.00 and he asked for council's approval. Council Williams made a motion to approve travel expenses for the Police Chief to attend the convention, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on bids for a handicap ramp and sidewalk repair at intersection of Main and Church Streets. Lowest bid was for \$6,000.00 by Marcos Holt Contracting . He asked for council's approval of the low bid. Council Griffin made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on bids for renovation work at City Hall and recommended a bid for \$18,010.00 from John Kraholik. Council Harris made a motion to continue project, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Councils Harris, Griffin and Martin voted yes. Council Williams abstained. Motion passed.

Mayor Adams reported on Mr. Alan Drew's request to install a shallow well for lawn irrigation and recommended approval. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams read a letter from Ms. Newsome, Director of the South Georgia Regional Library requesting reappointment of Ms. Rose Adams to the South Georgia Regional Library Board. Council Williams made a motion to honor the request, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Council reports:

Council Martin had no report.

Council Williams congratulated Mayor Adams on his recent appointment as President of the Third District for the Georgia Municipal Association.

Council Griffin reported that 30 homes and businesses were recognized for beautifying their yards and he asked everybody to continue to keep up the good work.

Council Harris had no report.

Mayor Adams stated that he and three other councilmembers attended the GMA conference in Savannah recently. He was installed as president of the third district of GMA.

Work on Smith Park will proceed.

The city will submit an application for the Better Home Town Program to be awarded next January. Applications are due October 30th .

A plan for a clock for the city is being studied. Cost of a clock would be from \$13,000 to \$18,000.

Plans to install new street lights on HWY 122 and HWY 41 are being studied.

Mayor and Council is proceeding with work on hiring a City Manager.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City