

**Council Meeting
February 4, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, February 4, 1999, at 7:30 P. M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Council Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Beverly Martin; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Fire Chief, J. C. Clair; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was also given by Mayor Adams.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Mayor Adams called for a motion to approve the minutes of a December 17th called council meeting which was overlooked last month.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the called December 17th meeting, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular January 1999 council meeting and a called meeting on January 9, 1999.

Council Williams made a motion to approve the regular Council Meeting of January 7, 1999 and the Called Meeting of January 9, 1999, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams called for a motion to approve payment of the city's January 1999 bills.

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

Public Hearing

James Walker zoning variance

Mr. Leonard Jacobs, Chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that he recommended approval of the request. Mayor Adams called for those in favor to speak. There was no response. Mayor Adams called for those who opposed to speak. There was no response. Mayor Adams called for a motion on the request. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

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There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Representatives from the Lowndes County Board of Education presented plans for the new addition to the Middle School and requested the closing of College street between E. Main St. (Highway 122) and Grace St. for public use.

Mayor Adams read a Proclamation declaring the month of February 1999 as Black History Month.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported on the LAS forage removal contract and recommended David Hayes as the contractor from March 31, 1999 to December 31, 1999 with an option to renew the contract. Council Griffin made a motion to enter into a contract with David Hayes, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

John Thursby also recommended purchasing one mobile radio and two handheld radios. The mobile unit would cost \$500.00. The two handheld units would cost \$399. They would be purchased from RCE in Valdosta. This is a budgeted item. Council Martin made a motion to approve the purchases, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

John Thursby recommended purchasing a new Ford truck from Langdale Ford for \$18,880.00, which was the lowest bid that was received. This is a budgeted item. Council Griffin made a motion to purchase the truck from Langdale Ford for \$18,880.00, seconded by Council Williams.

Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Woodrow W. Blue requested the purchase of another digital camera for the Police Department. Cost of the camera is \$799.00. Council Griffin made a motion to purchase the camera for \$799.00, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue reported on the universal hiring grant application. After lengthy discussion, Council Harris made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the application, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue asked for Council's approval to purchase a typewriter for the Police Department at a cost of \$350.00. Council Griffin made a motion to purchase the typewriter, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on a proposal to develop a map of the Hahira water system with valve locations from Stevenson and Palmer. This is not to exceed \$5,000.00. SPLOST funds can be used for this. Council Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the Water/Sewer design contract with Stevenson and Palmer to extend mains to and 400 ft into the business park. Council Griffin made a motion to proceed as Mayor Adams stated, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams recommended Council Bob Harris for appointment to the Animal Welfare Board.

Council Williams made a motion to appoint Council Harris, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the GMA Telecom Management Service Program contract with an annual fee of \$1,584.00 and recommended entering into contract. Council Williams made a motion to enter into the contract, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the Scana Energy contract. Gas service for two locations, Recreation Center and the Fire Department. Council Griffin made a motion for the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the tax inequity study with Governmental Solutions LTD. This is not to exceed \$3,500.00. Council Griffin made a motion to enter agreement, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on an increase in sanitation charges which was recommended in the 1999 budget to begin in March. Council Griffin made a motion to increase as presented, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Martin reported that on February 28 at Hahira Middle School at 6:00 P.M. there would be a program on Black History.

Council Williams had no report.

Council Griffin stated that he wanted to include the Hahira Nursery to the list of businesses, groups and individuals who participate on city projects with services, labor and funding which he reported on at last month's Council Meeting.

Council Harris had no report.

Mayor Adams welcomed Interim City Manager, Susan Doner.

City Manager, Susan Doner, had no report.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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