

Council Meeting
May 6, 1999

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, May 6, 1999, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams, and Beverly Martin; City Manager Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow Blue.

ABSENT: City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Adams.

Mayor Adams welcomed all visitors. A quorum was established.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the April council meeting minutes.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve payment of the cities bills for April, 99.

Council Griffin made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation: Mayor Adams read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Tim Brogdon, EMS Director. The week of May 16 - 22 will be observed as EMS Week. Mr. Brogdon thanked Mayor and Council.

At this time Council Beverly Martin left the meeting due to illness.

(B) Nick Lacey - Lowndes County Emergency Operations Plan: Mayor Adams introduced Mr. Nick Lacey who reported on the Emergency Operations Plan. This has been in coordination for the last seven months. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Sheila Warren - Use of recreation center for Teen Explosion: Request to use the recreation center July 19 - 23. Council approved.

(D) Allen Bennett - Thanks to City for polycarts: Mr. Bennett presented a letter of appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the donation of polycarts that were used at a campground for a Viet Nam veterans group, " L Z Friendly", of which he is a member.

(E) Public Works Department purchase request: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, requested the purchase of a patching machine for using for road maintenance. The machine is a used AMZ Jet Air from Zimmerman Equipment Company for \$27,600.00. Money to purchase would come from SPLOST funds. Council Harris made a motion to consider this, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to purchase the machine, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Police Department Requests: Chief Blue stated that he had two requests for Council. The first request is to trade a 1991 Ford Crown Victoria which is an extra car and not needed to the Morven Police Department for a wrecked car in order to salvage the motor to be place in car H- 4, which has a bad motor. Council Williams made a motion to approve the trade, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

The second request was for approval for Chief Blue to attend a Chief's Convention in Savannah on July 10 through 13. Council Griffin made a motion for the Chief to attend the Spring Conference in Savannah, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Mayor Adams presented Chief Blue with a plaque of appreciation for 20 years of dedicated service to the city.

(H) Contract with City of Valdosta building inspections department: Mayor Adams reported on the need for substandard building inspections and asked Council to re-approve rates to pay the City of Valdosta for services of their substandard building inspector. Council Griffin made a motion to re-approve the rate with the stipulation to call inspector as needed, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Contract with Cunningham's Tree Service: Council Griffin reported on trimming limbs on highway 122 between I-75 and the curve near the Parrott Health Center. Council Harris made a motion to contract for the work, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(J) House Bill 489: Mayor Adams reported the bill's purpose was to eliminate duplication of services and double taxation. Counties and municipalities are required to develop a Service Delivery Strategic Plan to be presented to the state by July 1, 1999. Lowndes County and the Cities in the county are currently working on the plan. Mayor Adams read a letter to be sent to County Manager Alan Ours, stating the City of Hahira's position on requirements of the bill and requested council approval. Council Williams made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Williams had no report.

Council Griffin had no report.

Council Harris had no report.

City Manager, Susan Doner, reported that Chief Blue was resigning as Chairman of the Recreation Department.

Mayor Adams reported on businesses and contractors doing business within the city without paying Occupational Tax, Regulatory Fees and securing Building Permits. He instructed the city manager to ensure enforcement of ordinances pertaining to these problems.

Mayor Adams also reported on off-street parking and junked cars ordinances. He instructed the city manager to send letters to businesses that are in violation and the police chief to ensure that ordinances are complied with.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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