

**Council Meeting**  
**July 8, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, July 8, 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 W. Blue; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

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

Councilman Harris gave the invocation.

Mayor Adams welcomed all visitors and established a quorum.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the June Council meeting minutes.

Council Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of June 3, 1999, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve payment of the cities June bills.

Council Harris made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams called Mr. John Lewis Franklin, City employee, and John Thursby, Public Utilities Director, to come up front. Mr. Franklin was presented a plaque in recognition of 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Hahira.

**Public Hearing**

(A) Rezoning request by Edwin Shiver:

Mr. David Dunn of the Planning Commission reported on Mr. Shiver's request to rezone .83 acres located at Northeast corner of N Hall St. and W Lawson St. from Residential R-10 to Highway Commercial C-H. The property currently contains a garage and the applicant is proposing to establish a paint shop business. The property is located within the Urban Service Area (USA) of the Comprehensive Plan and is depicted as Industrial on the Plan's Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the request.

Mayor Adams called on anyone wishing to speak in favor of the request. Mr. Edwin Shiver spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Adams then called on anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

Mary Turner, 201 N Hall St., stated that she opposed the request. Her children have allergies and asthma. She was also concerned about the value of her property. She stated that she preferred that it stay residential for the children's welfare.

Ouida McKinney, 512 E Lawson Street, stated the property should remain residential.

Mr. Freeman Rivers, South Hall Street, stated that he also attended the Planning Commission meeting. He stated that the property should remain residential.

Karen Camion also asked that the property remain residential.

Mayor Adams called for a motion concerning the request from Council. Council Martin made a motion to leave it residential and not rezone the property, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Special Exception request by Lori Demott:

Mr. David Dunn of the Planning Commission reported on the request to establish a home occupation bookkeeping and consulting business in an R-15 zoning district, located at 608 Hodges St. The subject property is located within the Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, and is depicted as Residential on the Plan's Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with the condition that exterior signs are not allowed.

Mayor Adams called for those wishing to speak in favor of the request. Lori Demott, 608 Hodges Street, stated that she would like to have the business in her home.

Mayor Adams called on those wishing to speak in opposition to the request. There were none.

Council Griffin made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Front yard Variance by D. R. and Margie Goodyear:

Mayor Adams reported that the Goodyear's house was built before setbacks were established and they were requesting approval to build a carport onto the house, which would require approval of a front yard variance. Mayor Adams called on Mr. Leonard

Jacobs, Chairman of the Zoning Board. Mr. Jacobs recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Adams called on those wishing to speak in favor of the request. Ms. Mamie Sorrell, 203 E Grace St., spoke in favor.

Mayor Adams called on those wishing to speak in opposition to the request. There were none.

Council Griffin made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Upgrade of present waste water treatment plant to meet EPD consent order requirements:

Mr. Ronnie Dudley, City Engineer representative, reported on problems that the city has problems with the waste water treatment plant not being able to all of the water during the rainy season, and the Environmental Protection Division has ordered the system to be upgraded. The city plans to purchase 8.13 acres adjacent to the existing treatment pond to build a constructed wetlands which will treat additional wastewater before it is released into the stream.

Ms. Ouida McKinney asked if the overflow from the sewer manhole at Sargent and Newsome streets was caused by problems with the water treatment plant. Mr. Dudley explained the overflow was caused by ground and storm water infiltrating the sewer system during heavy rains and the upgrade to the water treatment plant should correct the problem.

There being no other public comment the public hearing was closed.

End of Public Hearing

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

(A) Request for street light to be installed on Hall Street:

Mayor Adams reported on a request for the street light. The last streetlight is on the corner of W. Grace and S. Hall Streets. Mayor Adams stated that one was needed either at the house or on the first utility pole north of the house. Georgia Power will

have to make the determination. Council Griffin made a motion to grant Mayor's request, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Pledge funds to GMA Georgia Cities Foundation:

Mayor Adams reported that recently he received a letter from the GMA asking for Hahira's participation in fund raising for this new program. He recommended contributing \$750.00. Council Harris made a motion to approve \$750.00, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Proposal for additional City Hall renovations:

Mayor Adams recommended a change order to the contract to include three windows on the back of City Hall at a cost of \$2,500.00. Council Harris made a motion to approve the change order as requested, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Police Chief Travel Request:

Chief Blue asked for Council's approval to attend a Chief's Conference in Charlotte, NC, on October 30 through November 3, at a cost of \$840.00. Mayor Adams recommended sending Chief Blue to the conference. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

2nd request: Chief Blue requested approval to attend a Task Conference at Jekyll Island. This is a three day conference. Cost would be \$302.00. Council Martin made a motion that funds requested be given for conference, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Request to provide water and sewer taps for car wash to be constructed adjacent to the BP station at exit 7:

Mayor Adams stated the city has a policy that any requests for services outside of the city limits have Council's approval. John Thursby, Public Utilities Director, stated that it was for a car wash next to the BP station. The water would have to go into the sewer system. The EPD would have to approve the sewer taps prior to being installed. He stated the owner of the car wash was considering annexing the property into the city. He recommended approval for the connections. Council Williams made a motion to provide water/sewer and sanitation to the proposed car wash, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Request to pay overtime to police officers retroactive to Jan. 1, 1999:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to pay the overtime. Council Griffin made a motion to pay it, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Annual salary increase:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval for employee pay increases, effective July 4, 1999. Council Griffin made a motion to pay the annual salaries, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous. Details of the increases are in city files.

(H) Amendments to FY 1999 budget:

Mayor Adams reported that the city had exceeded some of the items on the budget and needed to amend the budget. Council Williams made a motion to amend the budget, with changes, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous. (Copy of budget in files)

Council's Martin, Williams, Griffin and Harris had no reports.

City Manager had no report.

Mayor Adams had no report.

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

John F. Adams, Mayor  
Brady, City Clerk

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