

**Council Meeting
January 4, 2001**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, January 4th, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt and Sonny Copeland; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

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

Mayor Adams gave the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum of council was established.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2000, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the bills and asked Council if they had any questions. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

(A) Text amendment to Hahira Zoning Ordinance, P.C. File #HA-2001-01 and P.C. File #HA-2001-2:

Mr. Matt Martin of the Planning Commission reported P.C. File #HA-2001-01 text amendments in reference to planned development. Mayor Adams asked if anyone was in favor of the amendment to speak. There was no response. Mayor Adams asked for those who opposed to speak. There was no response. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the planned overlay text amendment, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Matt Martin reported on P.C. File #HA-2001-2. This is in reference to setbacks. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Mayor Adams asked for those in favor of the text amendment to speak. There was no response. He asked for those who opposed to speak. There was no response. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the setbacks as directed by the Planning Commission seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

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There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

(A) Report from Mr. Bob Megow, Chairman Landscape Ordinance Committee:

Mr. Megow stated that the Landscape committee will meet again on the Landscape Ordinance and will have a report by next month's meeting.

(B) Department request. Computer purchase for web site hosting:

Mayor Adams requested purchasing a computer to house the Hahira Web site at a cost of \$1,274.00. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the computer as stated, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Renewal of GMA Telecommunications Management Services Agreement:

Mayor Adams reported that the City has contracted with GMA Telecommunications Management for several years and the Services Agreement was up for renewal. He recommended not renewing the agreement until he had more time to review the need. Council Hunnicutt made a motion not to renew the agreement as recommended by Mayor Adams seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Acceptance of contractors low bid for Business Park Utilities Phase:

Mayor Adams reported that Council needed to award the low bidder to extend water and sewer lines from where they now end 400' inside the Business Park to the Cul-de-sac on Sonny Rogers Memorial Drive. The low bid came from Lawn Cutters from Tifton. Payment for the work will be paid by the Industrial Authority. The City will administer the contract. Council Bullard made a motion to accept Lawn Cutters bid, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Consideration of video production contract with Miller Marketing, Inc.:

Mayor Adams called on Bonnie Tindall, Chamber Director, to explain the video production. Cost would be \$3,950.00. Mayor Adams recommended doing the video. Council Harris made a motion to do the video seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Resolution establishing city mileage reimbursement for POV to .34 per mile and adopt rate authorized by U.S. Government Internal Revenue Service for future increases:

Mayor Adams recommended adopting the resolution and increasing the mileage rate to .34 cents per mile. Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Resolution establishing \$2,000 minimum dollar amount for Capital Purchases:

Mayor Adams read the resolution. Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Proclamation proclaiming January 15th, 2001 as Martin Luther King day in Hahira:

Mayor Adams read a proclamation designating January 15, 2001 as Martin Luther King day in Hahira.

(I) Modification - Nutrition Program Contract:

Mayor Adams reported on the program. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to execute contract on modification of Nutrition Program, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Authorization to execute contract for phase II of construction water and sewer utilities in the Hahira Business Park :

Council Copeland made a motion to authorize Mayor to execute contract with Lawncutters Construction Company, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(K) Request for letter of recommendation to appoint Mayor to Coastal Plains Board of Directors:

Council Copeland made a motion to forward letter recommending nomination of Mayor Adams to the Coastal Plains Board of Directors seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council reports:

Council Copeland commended the city on the Christmas decorations.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard reported that the Christmas lights looked good but more were needed next year.

Council Harris had no report but wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Adams stated that the city did look great during the Holidays and thanked all citizens and employees who made it possible.

The Nutrition Program operated by the City of Hahira serves an average of 30 meals each day to homebound citizens in and immediately around the city of Hahira. In addition the program serves an average of 26 congregate meals to City of Valdosta citizens located at 900 South Troupe Street Valdosta.

Upgrading of the wastewater treatment plant is approximately 60% complete and should be completed on schedule. The contractor is doing quality work and is presently waiting on delivery of equipment and materials.

The paving of Sonny Rogers Memorial Drive in the Hahira Business Park is near completion but final work has been held up due to the weather. The electric utility lines are under construction and will be completed shortly.

Groundbreaking for Wire Rope Cooperation of America the first business to locate in the Business Park will be held on January 30th at 10:00 AM.

Hahira was awarded a TE (Transportation Enhancement) grant for \$350,000 to renovate sidewalks, curbs and gutters and landscaping from the Norfolk Southern Railroad and proceed west to Newsome Street. The grant money will not be available until the fall of the year but design work is planned to begin on the project immediately.

Better Hometown Community designations will be announced Mayors Day in Atlanta on January 20th. We are hopeful Hahira will be one of the cities receiving Better Hometown Status.

The new entrance road into the Hahira Elementary School has been completed. The Lowndes BOE has requested the city pay for installation of school zone flashing signals and crosswalks on Hagenbridge Road and Nelson Street. Our Engineers and DOT have been asked to come up with the design and cost estimates.

The city is still searching for the best candidate available for the vacant city manager position.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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