

**Council Meeting
November 8, 2001**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, November 8, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Adams presiding.

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

Absent City Manager, Danny Lucas.

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 was established.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the minutes of October 11, 2001, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported that last month council considered a proposal by Geosciences for a report on the Suwannee Swifty site. There was a motion and a second on the proposal but it was not voted on. He called for a vote. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Adams asked Council if there were any questions on the bills. There were none.

Public Hearing

(A) Variance request #HA-2001-09 Myron Crowe, 109 S. Webb Street:

Mr. Alan Sloan of the Planning Commission reported on Myron Crowe's request for a Special Exception to establish a bed and breakfast inn in a Highway Commercial (C-H) zoning district at 109 S. Webb Street. The Planning Commission found it "consistent with the Comprehensive Plan" and recommended approval.

Mayor Adams called on citizens who wished to speak in favor of the request. No response.

Mayor Adams called on those who wished to speak in opposition of the request. There were none.

Mayor Adams called for a vote from council. Council Harris made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Presentation of 2002 Budget:

Mayor Adams read the Budget Message then asked if there were any comments. Freeman Rivers, 204 S. Hall Street asked about SPLOST funds and salaries in different departments

End

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Geosciences proposal to review adjacent Suwannee Swifty Site Files and submittal of findings report to EPD:

Mayor Adams called on a vote to a motion made last month. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Consideration of elevated storage tank bid from Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors in the amount of \$446,350.00:

Mayor Adams recommended awarding the bid to Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors. Council Harris made a motion to award the bid seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Department request:

Police Chief, Terry Davis, requested approval to purchase some office furniture. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, John Thursby, requested approval to purchase a new pump for the #1 lift station at a cost of \$5,300.00 from Davis EMU. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to purchase the pump seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director also requested the approval to purchase 200 water meters and boxes. This is a budgeted item. Council Copeland made a motion to purchase the meters and apparatus, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director also requested the approval to purchase a tractor and boom mower from Boston Tractor at a cost of \$25,000.00. Council Copeland made a motion to purchase the tractor and bush hog seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director requested approval to purchase a mini excavator from John Deere for \$34,395.00, with a trailer from Nyla Outdoor Equipment for \$2,075.00. These are budgeted items. Council Bullard made a motion to buy the equipment, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Councils Harris, Bullard and Hunnicutt voted yes. Council Copeland voted no. Motion passed.

Chamber of Commerce Director, Bonnie Tindall, announced that the "Business of the Month" sign would be placed in front of City Hall.

(B) Execution of contract, notice of award and notice to proceed to Standard Contractors for construction of water system improvements:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to execute the contract. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract, the notice of award and the notice to proceed, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Execution of Transportation Enhancement Project contract STP-0002-00 (345), PI No. 0002346:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to execute the contract. Council Bullard made a motion to execute the Transportation contract, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Execution of Confidentiality Letter Agreement with AT & T:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to execute the agreement, with City Attorney's approval. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to execute the Confidentiality Letter Agreement with AT & T, with attorney's approval, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Consideration of proposed water and sewer rate increase:

Mayor Adams recommended increasing the water and sewer rates. Council Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Hahira-Lowndes Outreach Community Development Corp. requests to place temporary storage building behind Community Center to store supplies and materials.

Mayor Adams recommended approval of the request. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Consideration of Habitat for Humanity proposal:

Mayor Adams presented a proposal (attached) for the sale of lot 10 in block D Land Lot No. 96 in the 12th Land District of Lowndes County, Georgia located on the corner of Branch Street and Sargent Street in Hahira, Ga. at a cost of \$2,925.00.

Mayor Adams reported

Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve as stated, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Consideration of Gary R. Zeigler, P.C. Audit Services Engagement Agreement:

Mayor Adams recommended approval of the agreement. Council Harris made a motion to approve the Mayor entering into the agreement seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Consideration to pay approximately \$300.00 expenses for Mayor elect to attend Valdosta Technical College Economic Development Summit November 28 & 29, 2001:

Mayor Adams recommended paying this expense. Council Harris made a motion to pay the expense seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Veterans Day Proclamation:

Mayor Adams read the Proclamation. A program will be held at the Hahira library on Sunday, from 2 - 4 P.M. and all citizens are urged to attend.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Copeland reported that the streets looked good.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard reported that he had observed the city employee's work with the backhoe and to keep on, it looks good.

Council Harris had no report.

- Mayor Adams reported that the newly elected officials training would be held in Athens in February or March.

- The annual Mayor's Day Conference will be held in Atlanta on January 26 - 28. Councilmen who plan to attend are urged to get their registration in by December 14 in order to get the lower rates. After the 14 the rates will be increased.

- Grace Street was resurfaced yesterday and will be re-stripped within the next few days. This was funded with SPLOST funds.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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