

Council Meeting
July 11, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; City Manager, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mayor Crowe called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Mr. Wilmon Stanley. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the June 6, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consent Agenda:

a. Fleet Services Credit Card

Mayor Crowe reported that Council had discussed the account and had decided to close the Sav-A-Ton bill.

b. APW Association School - July 24-25, 2002

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that this was phase 2 training for his certification.

c) NPDES Permit for City of Hahira

Public Works Director, Thursby, reported that the EPD required the wastewater tests.

a. Garbage Truck Payment

Mayor Crowe stated that this would be discussed later at the meeting. (Not to be included in the Consent Agenda items)

b. Trees at Steakhouse Grill

Mayor Crowe reported that the Steakhouse Grill owners requested that the city remove four to seven of the crepe myrtle trees that are planted alongside the highway. Council asked the Mayor and City Manager to review the landscape plans with the owners and to decide on the removal of the trees.

c. Change Order #1 for Water Tank

Public Works Director, Thursby, reported that two flow meters would be \$800.00 each.

d. Bid Award for Pedestrian Facilities

Mayor Crowe stated that two bids were received on the project. JCI General Contractors bid was \$332,227.67. Standard Contractors bid was \$277,522.03. The City Engineers reviewed the bids and recommended Standard Contractors with additive #2 included.

e. DOT Right of Way Request

Mayor Crowe reported on the Department of Transportation's request, which would be for 60 ft. of right of way on W. Park Street to Union Road.

f. Resolution for Checking Account and Signature for GEFA Loan

Mayor Crowe asked for approval of a resolution for a new checking account and signature for the GEFA loan, which would be for the new water tank in the industrial park.

j) Request to Place SPLOST V information on City of Hahira Website

Mayor Crowe reported on the request, which would provide information on the SPLOST V funds and how they will be used.

a. Repairs to Siren at City Hall

Mayor Crowe reported on the costs to repair the siren. Cowart Electric's proposal was \$220.00 to clean and test; \$150.00 to replace starter; \$3,600.00 to replace siren. Council decided to go with \$370.00.

b. Salary for City Manager Position

Mayor Crowe reported that council agreed to set the City Manager's salary at \$36,025.60.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Benjamin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

B. Replace Network Server at City Hall

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall reported that the current system needed to be replaced Cost would be \$1,525.90. Council Bullard made a motion to repair the server, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Garbage Truck Payment

Mayor Crowe reported that the delivery date was for the first week in August. He asked Public Works Director, John Thursby, to set the delivery date up to August 19th, which will give them some more time to get the funding.

Reports

a. Council

Council Benjamin reported that things looked good around town. The grass at Webb Miller Park needed mowing.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Nelson reported that he, Chief Davis and Lt. Phillips had attended a funeral yesterday, for Patrolman Kessel's grandchildren (triplets) in Damascus, Ga.

Dr. Moye has started on two buildings in Audubon Heights subdivision.

Mayor Crowe reported that Saturday would be Employee Appreciation Day at Reed Bingham Park in Adel. There will be a baseball game between the Police and Water Departments, and other games. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, stated her appreciation to Chief Davis and his department on their work. She was asked by Sgt. Gerald Lunger to come out last Friday night and observe their road block check.

She also thanked Public Works Director, John Thursby and Fire Chief, J. C. Plair and their department for their work.

Public Works Director, Thursby, reported that his department had been recognized by "Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful" recently and honored with a plaque for the best government entity represented.

Mayor Crowe stated that Bonnie Tindall, City Manager, was doing an excellent job.

Council Hunnicutt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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