

Council Meeting

July 10, 2003

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, July 10th at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, M. C. Nelson and Joel Hunnicutt; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; City Attorney, Pope Langdale.

ABSENT: City Manager, Bonnie Tindall.

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

Mayor Crowe called on Police Chief, Terry Davis, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation given by Mr. Wilmon Stanley.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF JUNE 5, 2003 COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

PUBLIC HEARING – CITY OF HAHIRA ZONING ORDINANCES

- A. HA-2003-07 Tricon Development, Inc. (Bill Gandy), 400 S Nelson Street – A variance to the lot size required in an R-15 Zoning District.

Sherry Davidson of the Planning Commission reported on the request to rezone 0.603 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-15) to Single-Family Residential (R-10) and subdivide into two parcels. The property is located at the southwest intersection of South Nelson Street and East Grace Street. The property is currently developed with a site-built dwelling, which the applicants are proposing to demolish for the construction of two "Easy Living Homes". The Planning Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission also recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe called for those in favor of the request to speak.

Mr. Bill Gandy, 705 W. Cranford Ave., Valdosta, Georgia, asked for the City's support in the development.

Mayor Crowe called for those against the request to speak. Mr. Scott Purvis, 410 N Church Street, stated that he was not against the request, but asked if the homes were going to be built like the ones on Lafayette Street. Mr. Gandy stated that they were going to be bigger homes at 1500 sq ft.

Council Hunnicutt asked if the homes would have two-car garages. Mr. Gandy stated that they would be one-car garages.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

B. HA-2003-08 Text Amendment-Daycares

Sherry Davidson of the Planning Commission stated that the City of Hahira has not had the requests that neighboring cities have had, therefore the Council would like to leave the Ordinance as is, which allows daycares by special exception.

Mayor Crowe called for those in favor to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe called for those against to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for a motion. Council Bullard made a motion to leave the Ordinance as is, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

END

Request for Approval of ADA Compliance Bid for Municipal Buildings and Execution of Contract

Mayor Crowe stated that four bids were received with the low bid of \$27,950.00 from Darwin Crews Construction. Council Bullard made a motion to accept the bid for ADA Compliance from Darwin Crews Construction for \$17,950.00, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Request for Approval of Lock System for Municipal Buildings

Mayor Crowe reported that the lock system was also part of ADA Compliance. Total cost would be \$1,537.28. Council Bullard made a motion to order locks and have them installed, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Request for Approval of July 1, 2003 Salary Increases for Employees

Mayor Crowe reported that the salary increase would be 2% Merit and 2% Cost of Living for all employees

except the Fire Chief. The Better Hometown Director would get the 2% Cost of Living increase.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the salary increases, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Execution of Release of Lien and Engineering Certification for Water Tank in Business Park

Mayor Crowe stated that this would give him approval to sign the Certification.

B. Request for Approval of Public Works to do Sidewalk Project on N. Church Street

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that the approximate cost would be \$20,000.00 for the sidewalks. Work would be done at a minimum of 300 ft. at a time.

C. Request for Approval to Use Remaining \$7,687.88 GEFA Loan for Potable Water Equipment – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, stated that he had talked to the City Manager about using the funds to purchase several items for the water department. (DOH Meter, Chlorine Injector, etc.)

- D. Request from Fire Department to Pursue the Georgia Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness FY03 ODP Phase II Strategic Plan – Fire and Police Department

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett reported that this was a 100% Grant. Police Chief, Terry Davis, reported on the need for a lap top computer.

- E. Permission for Interim City Attorney to Review Emergency Ordinances for City's Approval at August Council Meeting – Fire and Police Departments

Police Chief, Terry Davis reported on the ordinances.

- F. Request for Approval of Court Clerk to Attend the 2003 TAC Conference – Police Department

Police Chief, Terry Davis, reported on the request. This is a budgeted item.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

COUNCIL

Council Nelson reported on the homes being built in Edgewater Subdivision, Audubon Heights, and one house that will be burned or torn down.

Council Bullard reported that Park Street looked good. He also stated that the City looked good, thanks to John Thursby and his employees.

Council Hunnicutt reported that his District was looking good. Smith Park needed mowing.

MAYOR

Mayor Crowe reported that the Park Street Project turned out well. There were some problems with several of the driveways that were not figured in the plans. They will be working on these to make them right.

The City Manager will be out for several days due to surgery. He asked everyone to remember her in their prayers.

There being no further business to discuss, he called for a motion to adjourn. Council Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk

