

Minutes of Hahira Council Meetings for the month of November 2007

Hahira City Council October 29, 2007 Work Session 6:30 P.M. Courthouse

Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on Monday October 29, 2007, at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Bullard, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Councils, Rose Adams, Ralph Clendenin, Temple Ogundu, Terry Benjamin, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, City Clerk Diane Bellflower.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

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Councilwoman Adams stated that on the minutes there was one item on page 4 Council Meeting that said Senator Kingston and should have said Congressman Kingston. This has since been corrected. Councilwoman Adams also stated that she would like to add approval of the agenda. Mayor Bullard replied that he would like to retain this authority.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Councilwoman Adams had questions about the attorney's bill. Councilwoman Adams stated that she was getting her information from a vendor disbursement report. City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that they will receive one in their packets also. This is printed weekly. Councilman Ogundu asked to receive this print out. Councilwoman Adams also stated that she thought the merchants of Hahira were to pay for the employee picnic. Sumner responded that the City of Hahira paid for the employee picnic but the City merchants did give the city very nice gifts to give away for door prizes. Councilwoman Adams also had some questions concerning a cell phone bill for Jessica Freeman, the probation officer. Chief Davis explained it was cheaper for the city to supply her with a phone.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Redevelopment Fund Program Grant Application:

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that this is required to be done by the Department of Community Affairs before any type of application for funding is sought. Sumner stated that the City had bid out the former Smith Hospital property. The bid was sent out according to state law and one bid was received by Citizens Community Bank. City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that there is an opportunity for the City to submit a Redevelopment Fund Program Grant. He stated that it is necessary to submit an application for funding of economic development activities to the RFP administered by the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Sumner stated by accepting this Resolution, the Mayor and Council are authorized to submit an application for funding of up to \$500,000. This application will finance the Purchase and Renovation of the Former Smith Hospital building within the city limits of Hahira. Sumner stated that if the Resolution were voted on Thursday night at the Council meeting, it would be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. Redevelopment Fund Program Grant Resolution (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that this was a follow up of what was explained previously. This authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign documents.

B. Approval of Change in Planning Commission Terms (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated the Greater Planning Commission members voted to recommend that the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission members whose terms expire during the calendar year of 2007 and 2008 serve until the end of that calendar year, with new commission terms beginning January 1st of the following calendar year and each year thereafter. This would mean that present terms, whatever month they expire in, would terminate on December 31st of that calendar year.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST:

A. Attendance at GCCMA Fall Conference (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated that he would like to attend the GCCMA fall conference November 13-16. He stated to Mayor and Council that he would be

staying with his aunt and uncle. Sumner stated that the cost of the conference would be \$290.00. He stated that there would be no cost to the city for lodging.

B. Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program: (Chief Davis)

Chief Davis stated to Mayor and Council that he would like to attend the Law Enforcement Exchange Program in Israel next year 2008. Davis stated that this would be a two-week program with no cost to the city.

C. Acceptance of Low Bid for CDBG Grant: (PWD Donnie Warren)

City Manager Sumner stated that in Mayor and Council that bids were sent out for the Rehabilitation of the Wastewater Collection System. The lowest bid was Southern Allied Contractors who submitted a bid at \$205,446.00.

D. Quote for Lift Station: (PWD Donnie Warren)

Chris Stephenson of PWD stated to Mayor and Council that they had received a bid on the lift station. He stated that the bid was from Smith Electric Motor Service, Inc. The bid was \$2,286.02.

E. Mayor's Day Motorcade: (Chief Davis)

Chief Davis explained to Mayor and Council that this event would take place on December 12, 2007, in Thomasville, Georgia. Everyone will leave City Hall at 8:00 A.M. Chief Davis encouraged everyone to go.

Swear in of Fire Department PRN Arson Investigator Craig Wells: (Chief Bennett)

Chief Bennett stated that Craig Wells would be sworn in Thursday night at the Council meeting as Hahira's Fire Department PRN Arson Investigator.

Commendation for Officer Keith Camion, Lieutenant Mike Kufrovich, and firefighter Mike Bass, would occur Thursday night due to excellent performance during the Honey Bee festival.

City Manager Sumner stated that the Packhouse Market, All About You, and Happy Tailz Grooming Salon are having a ribbon cutting on Saturday November 3, 2007, at 11:00 A.M. He invited everyone to attend. He also stated that the Packhouse Market had applied for a wine license.

REPORTS:

Council:

Councilman Clendenin invited everyone to attend the open house of Downtown Hahira.

City Manager

City Manager invited everyone to attend the Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Parade on December 8, 2007.

Mayor:

Mayor Bullard also invited everyone to attend the official lighting of the Christmas tree on December 8, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor Wayne Bullard

Diane Bellflower, City Clerk

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2007
7:30 P.M.
COURTHOUSE**

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Bullard, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Councils, Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, Temple Ogundu Ralph Clendenin, City Attorney Rob Plumb, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren, City Clerk Diane Bellflower.

Mayor Wayne Bullard called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Pledge of allegiance Mayor Wayne Bullard.

Invocation was given by Rev. Michael Bryant.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

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Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept the minutes. **Councilman Ogundu made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Adams, vote was unanimous.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

NONE

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

City Manager stated that Mayor and Council had copies of the bills that had been paid in their packets. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept the bills. **Councilwoman Adams made a motion to accept the bills, seconded by Councilman Clendenin, vote was unanimous.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Redevelopment Fund Program Grant Resolution: (City Manager)

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that there is an opportunity for the City to submit a Redevelopment Fund Program Grant. It is necessary to submit an application for funding of economic development activities to the RFP administered by the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs through the CDBG program in order to obtain such funds. By accepting this Resolution, the Mayor and Council are authorized to submit an application for funding of up to \$500,000. The application will finance the Purchase and Renovation of the Former Smith Hospital Building, within the borders of the City of Hahira. If the Resolution is voted on tonight, it will be submitted in the next couple of weeks. The developer plans to demolish part of it, renovate some of it, and has other plans for the front. Mayor Bullard asked if there were those who would like to speak to the Council about this grant. There were none. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept the Redevelopment Fund Program Grant. **Councilman Clendenin made a motion to accept, second by Councilman Ogundu, vote was unanimous.**

Approval of Change in Planning Commission Terms:

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that the secretary for the Planning Commission asked this item be removed from the agenda until next month. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to table this until further notice. **Councilwoman Adams made a motion to postpone, second by Council Benjamin, vote was unanimous.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. Attendance at GCCMA fall Conference:

City Manager Sumner stated to Mayor and Council that he would like to attend the GCCMA fall conference November 13-16. He stated that he would be staying with his aunt and uncle and there would be no cost to the city for lodging. The amount for the class is \$290.00. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept this motion. **Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve, second by Councilman Ogundu, vote was unanimous.**

B. Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program:

Chief Davis stated to Mayor and Council that he would like to attend the Law Enforcement Exchange Program in Israel next year. This would be a two week program with no charge to the city. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to let Chief Davis attend this program in May 2008. **Councilman Clendenin made a motion to accept this, second by Councilwoman Adams, vote was unanimous.**

C. Acceptance of Low Bid for CDBG Grant:

The city accepted bids for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation. Several bids were received and Southern Contractors were the lowest. Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to above this bid for the CDBG grant. **Councilman Benjamin made a motion to accept, second by Councilwoman Adams, vote was unanimous.**

D. Quote for Lift Station Repair:

Public Works Director Donny Warren Stated to Mayor and Council that he received a bid on the lift station repair. He stated that his bid was from Smith Electric Motor Service, Inc. The bid that was submitted was \$2,286.02. Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to accept this bid. **Councilman Clendenin made a motion to accept, second by Councilman Benjamin, vote was unanimous.**

E. Mayor's Day Motorcade:

Chief Davis stated to Mayor and Council what is involved in

The Mayor's Day Motorcade at Southwestern Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia. This will take place December 12, 2007; everyone will leave City Hall at approximately 8:00 A.M. Chief Davis encouraged everyone to come, also to send money or gifts if possible.

Wayne Bullard the Mayor of Hahira swore in fire Investigator Craig Wells. Also honored for their hard work in the call of duty was Keith Camion, Mike Kufrovich and Mike Bass. They helped with a victim who was in cardiac arrest while setting up a booth for the Honey Bee Festival. In addition, it was mentioned that Mike Bass was sworn in as a part-time fire fighter.

REPORTS:

Councilwoman Adams stated that she would like to thank to Mayor and City Manager for the great coverage in the newspaper about the Drew brothers. In addition, she thanked Helen Pettijean on another great Halloween Carnival. She thanked Chief Bennett for the fireman's workshop. Jaws of life will save lives. Last but not least, she thanked City Clerk Diane Bellflower and Finance Clerk Belinda Chappell for a great job day in and day out. They are efficient and dedicated employees.

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He gave a special thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department for a job well done. He also thanked the City Manger for working on the projects for downtown. He thanked all departments and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Councilman Ogundu stated that he would also like to thank the Police and Fire Department for a job well done.

Councilman Clendenin also commended the Police and Fire department for a great job in saving someone's life. He also encouraged everyone to attend Hahira Holiday Magic December 8, 2007.

City Manager Sumner stated that he had been with the City a year ago today, and truly enjoys his job. He also thanked Mayor and Council for letting him be a part of Hahira.

Mayor Wayne Bullard thanked the City Manager and all the Council for supporting him and attending special meetings. He also thanked all department heads and Helen Pettijean for all their hard work. He also welcomed Craig Wells and Mike Bass to the City of Hahira.

Mayor Wayne Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. **Councilman Benjamin made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Ogundu, Vote was unanimous.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Wayne Bullard, Mayor

Diane Bellflower, City Clerk

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