

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2012

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting October 4, 2012 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Bullard: Councils: Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Cain, Ralph Clendenin, Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, PW Director Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wayne Bullard

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Wayne Bullard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Wayne Bullard

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

- A.) September 4, 2012 Work Session
- B.) September 6, 2012 Council Meeting

The Mayor stated corrections previously noted from work session were made. **A motion was made to accept the minutes as read made by Councilmember Adams which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Bickran Mohanty stated he would is running for State Senator. He has been an occupational therapist and lived in Lowndes County for 19 years. He stated he is often asked why he is running and he stated because he truly believes our values should not be public policy. He then stated he was concerned with the public education system and if we should have charter school because he is a father of a two year old. He stated that he came from India with \$50.00 in his pocket and he now has 50 people on the payroll.

John Quarterman of Quarterman Road, Hahira thanked the Mayor and Council for letting Georgia Public Speaker Openheimer speak at the Monday night meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **FY 13 BUDGET-FORMAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that this is the final step in formal adoption of the FY13 Budget. He stated it ran in the Valdosta Daily Times and was made available to the public at City Hall. September was the preliminary adoption which gave the option for public input. He stated he had received no formal or verbal comments regarding the FY13 Budget. The Mayor asked if anyone was wishing to speak against the FY13 Budget; none noted. The Mayor then asked if anyone was wishing to speak in favor of the FY13 Budget; none noted. **Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to accept the FY13 Budget as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor of the FY13 Budget-Formal Adoption.**

B. GRASS ORDINANCE-SECOND READING (CHIEF DAVIS)

City Manager Sumner stated this is the second reading of the Grass Ordinance which will go for a third reading. He stated no changes since last meeting. The Mayor asked if anyone was wishing to speak against the Grass Ordinance; non -noted. The Mayor then asked if anyone was wishing to speak in favor of the Grass Ordinance; non-noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills; none noted. **Councilmember Benjamin made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor to pay the bills.**

DISCUSSIONS:

GREEN FUEL SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION (CNG TECHNOLOGIES)

Mr. James Walker of CNG Technologies of Panama City Florida stated he was here today with his business partner Robert Harvest. He stated he brought the vehicle for everyone to look at and ask questions. He then thanked everyone for their time. His partner Robert Harvest stated that he enjoyed his visit and that Hahira is a nice town and that everyone is so nice. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. The Mayor then asked what the Council would like to do regarding this matter. **Mayor Pro Tem Cain made a motion to table for another month which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams voted in favor to table for another month.**

CHANGE OF CODES OF THE CITY TO REQUIRE LED LIGHTING IN ALL FUTURE STREET LIGHTS AND LAMPS; DISCUSS THE COST FROM GEORGIA POWER AND THE CONVERSION OUR STANDARD STREELIGHT TO LED. (COUNCILMEMBER CLENDEIN)

Councilmember Clendenin stated that we have 45 poles to convert to LED. He stated after discussion with Georgia Power that the upfront cost would make it out of reach for the City only to reduce the power bills by approximately \$1,000.00 per month. Councilmember Clendenin stated there are a lot of grants out there to subsidize the conversion. Councilmember Clendenin stated that Ron Ray of the Relhem Company was here tonight with presentation. Mr. Ray stated that he has been in the business of LED lighting for the last 10 years. He stated that an LED light (white) will last for about 20 years with 60-100,000 hours. HE then stated that regular bulbs (yellow) only last for 18-19,000 hours. HE stated that his company can convert guts and replace with LED fixture at a cost of \$300.00-500.00 each. HE showed everyone the sample light and showed how to dim the light at night. Councilmember Clendenin then asked if you can put a timer on the light. Mr. Ray stated that yes you can put a timer on the light. Clendenin then asked if there is a warranty. Ray stated yes 10 years with the fixture for 20 years and that the cost quoted would take care of everything. Councilmember Benjamin then asked what the cost per unit would b? Ray stated that the initial cost

would be \$500.00 and then \$300.00 to \$400.00 per unit after that. He stated that once the first lamp is done then it will be easy to convert from there; would take about 15 minutes to convert. City Manager Sumner asked if we have service contract. He stated yes with the Waycross area. Rob stated there is a breakdown inside the pamphlet that shows the savings and that it take 3-6 years to pay back what you spend and that you use close to half the power for LED lighting. He stated that the light is directed down and that the LED heats on the back. Mayor Pro Tem Cain asked if the light blows can you change the whole panel. HE stated yes. He then asked if it was for stated maintained road. Rob stated that glass gloves on unit with certain lights meet requirements for stated roads. He then asked where he had installed the lighting. Arlington, Virginia, Savannah, Georgia and Habersham, Georgia. Councilmember Adams made a note of the average cost savings to be half per lamp. She thanked him for driving all the way from Macon, Georgia. Mr. Ron Ray stated that most government buildings are doing this and that the LED has no bi-products and is safe. HE then stated that they are very easy to convert. **Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to table until next month for time to study which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams voted in favor to table for another month.**

STATUS OF BILLBOARD THAT WE DISCUSSED LAST MONT; HAHIRA WEB SITE UPDATES I.E. STORY BOARD OR ARE WE ISSIUNG A RFP (COUNCILMEMBER CLENDENIN)

Stacey dershimer DDC gave an update on the billboard stated that she will have final print tomorrow for review and that she will send to all to proof. After that approved it will take 7-10 business days. Stacey then discussed that regarding the Web site that Josh had moved to Savannah and that he did not have time to do website but had recommended someone. She then asked what we should do? City Manager Sumner stated that we have been working on this for the last three years and that staff is doing all that they can. HE stated that we can do an RFP and form a committee to review but that he does not want the perception that nothing is being worked on. Stacey then stated that she would like to see the website updated with something that is easy to do and update. **Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to advertise an RFP in the Valdosta Daily Time, in an expeditious manner for the Webb page which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.**

ARCHITECT SELECTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING (MAYOR PRO TEM CAIN)

Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated the committee (Adams, Sumner, Cain) meet and started going over the RFP's. He stated that they discussed the economy and felt unsure about the project due to SPLOST VII. He stated the committee felt that they should do upgrades to the existing building. He stated they could put a new roof on building, floor covering, and paint; fix up the break area. He then asked if everyone agreed to do this for the time being. He said they could get a list of what Public Works needs to have done and have bids for November meeting. The Mayor stated that we need an idea of what we will need to spend and ask also about the repair cost for the old EMS building. Mayor Pro Tem Cain volunteered to be general contractor and stated that we can get asphalt mill for the parking lot at Public Works. It was then stated that no vote was needed.

ABANDONED ALLEY, EAST PARK STREET (CITY MANAGER)

Public Works Director Warren stated that the fence is going up at address now and may have to ratify what has been done. The only thing that he needs access is the sewer lines and he request access easement to get in there. He stated the chain link fence is easy to move; Sumner stated he would pass on to City Attorney, Rob Plumb. Mayor Pro Tem Cain wants a written agreement for sewer re the quick claim deed. He stated the sewer line is on the Packhouse property and that we must file for easement on private property. **Mayor Pro Tem Cain made a motion to transfer property in abandon alley on East Park Street, half to the Church and half to the Packhouse with the transfer pending on**

the fact that they grant property with easement which was then seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. ATTENDANCE AT MAYOR'S DAY 2013**
- B. FY12 CHRISTMAS BONUSES**
- C. CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 11**
- D. MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE-2013**
- E. CONCURRENCE FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT TIMELINE**
- F. GEORGIA CITY/COUNTY MANAGERS FALL MEETING-VALDOSTA**
- G. FY12 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER REIMBURSEMENT**
- H. WELL & FIRE STATION SITE**

A motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda by Mayor Pro Tem Cain which was seconded by Councilmember Adams. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Benjamin voted in favor of the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS:

Councilmember Benjamin thank all for coming out tonight and for the pleasure to serve. He thanked the City Manager and department heads for their work on the budget. He stated it is good to have new technologies introduced to the City to help save money and increase efficiency. He stated to come out to the Honeybee and enjoy yourself.

Councilmember Adams thanked everyone for coming out and seeing all the smiling faces. Congratulations to Chief Bennett for pinking up the City; it takes a lot of courage to wear pink. Thank the Honeybee Festival for the 31st Annual Festival. Thank you to Public Works Director Warren for the many hours of work to make it possible. She stated that everyone appreciates it. She thanked Councilmember Clendenin for doing the research on the LED lighting and she will appreciate the savings in the future. She stated it is an honor and privilege to serve the people of Hahira.

Mayor Pro Tem Cain thanked all for coming out. He stated the demonstrations were very good and informative and he sees where it would save the City money. He thanked the departments for the work they have done this week and he knows Friday and Saturday will be tough but that he appreciates them. He thanked the Mayor and City Manager for all their work and time and thanked Lisa, Paula and Jonathan for the great job they do at City Hall. See you at the Honeybee.

Councilmember Clendenin thanked Mr. Rob Ray for driving all the way from Marietta to do the light presentation. He stated that he was a little disturbed when there was a leak that week on the corner of Hwy 122 and 41. He stated it was disturbing the timeline that it took to fix the leak. He stated that the Public works department needs the equipment to make it easier and faster. He stated they need a jackhammer and pneumatic wrench to cut the time in half. He also stated that the workers need a good generator to set up lights and that he would like for Council to approve the purchase of new equipment. He then thanked all for coming out.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. He stated the department heads did a great job this year and he knows they will do a great job in the next 48 hours. He stated he will be in the City 9 years in November with 6 years in the City Manager chair. He

stated he had gained wealth and knowledge and that he would like to thank his family. He then thanked all those who came a great distance to attend the meeting and that this is a small city with great plans.

Mayor Wayne Bullard thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked Mr. Walker's sister who is in the audience to support him. Thank you to Mr. Ray for the information and that the presentation was very interesting. He thanked the Council for a fine job stating that they do not always agree but that they do get along. He stated he hope everyone has a good weekend.

Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Adams made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Clendenin voted in favor of the motion to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR WAYNE BULLARD

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN