

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**WORKSESSION**

**JANUARY 5, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Work session January 5, 2015 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Kenneth Davis, Ralph Clendenin and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

- A. December 1, 2014 Work Session**
- B. December 4, 2014 Council Meeting**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the minutes. None noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. WATER-SEWER RATE ORDINANCE (SECOND READING-CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner said as discussed before that this is the second reading of the water-sewer ordinance and we will have the third reading with vote at the Thursday night meeting. He reviewed all the proposed changes as stated before including the quarterly increases, senior citizens discounts and no discounts for irrigation meters. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. COLLECTION CENTER ROLL-OFF CONTRACT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager said that the City received notification that there will be an increase in service fee for pulls. The charge from 2009 to current is \$52.00 per pull to \$140.00 per pull as per Advanced Disposal. He said that we put out an RFP that ran in the Valdosta Daily Times and received one respondent. We have a bid to open and it is from Mark Graham, Safe waste Disposal for \$115.00 per pull. He has not monthly rental fee. Councilmember Clendenin asked what the total cost spent at the recycle center for 2014? City Manager Sumner stated it was \$12,292.00. Councilmember Barfield asked if we reviewed the problem and had increased

monitoring at the center with the amount of debris. Public Works Director Warren said not really. City Manager Sumner said this is an overriding issue. Public Works Director Warren was asked to explore what type of fee can be charged out there. Sumner said that this is something that can be discussed at the February retreat. He said that garbage expense has to be paid by revenues and that a closer eye needs to be put to it. This service is not paying for itself with the \$12.25 for trash. Councilmember Barfield said this is a great benefit to the City.

**B. INFLOW & INFILTRATION FIND AND FIX PROJECT-SPLOST VI & VII (PWD WARREN)**

City Manager Sumner said that we had a bid opening in September and the low bid for the slip line construction and manhole repair was Nsituform at \$185,858.00 which was above the estimated cost. City Manager Sumner said that we do have SPLOST money to cover it. Councilmember Barfield asked how many bids we received. There were 7 bids ranging from \$185,858.00 to \$229,150.00. Councilmember Clendenin asked how much the engineering firm estimate was. Sumner said he would get that to you in the morning but that it was estimated at \$200,000. He said that this is a find and fix. The City Manager asked if anyone had any other questions.

**C. FIRE TRUCK RADIO-SPLOST VI**

David Thompson of the Fire Department said that we are requesting an 80 mg radio for the new fire truck. He said that the new Fire Truck should be delivered to us in February after inspection. Councilmember Clendenin asked if this radio was compatible to the radios that we currently have. Thompson stated yes it is.

**D. FIRE DEPARTMENT BAY HEATERS –SPLOST VI (CHIEF BENNETT)**

Fire Chief Dwight Bennett said that the heaters in the truck bay at the fire station are not working. He said that they have been replaced over and over at least 4 or 5 times. He said that he would like to purchase another kind at the cost of \$3200.00 and that it would be a different name brand. He said that we are in an emergency situation with the temperatures dropping and that we are at risk of freezing. Councilmember Clendenin asked if we had checked into gas vs electric. Fire Chief Bennett said that they are about the same. Councilmember Barfield asked about a possible consideration with solar powered system. Bennett said that we had quotes when the new Fire Department was built but that it was too much of expense at the time. He said that he only got a verbal quote because it is an emergency situation. He is concerned that the freeze could damage the pumps or freeze up the pipes. The Mayor said that he wanted to get the ok from Council to go ahead and purchase the heaters. All were in agreement.

**The Mayor stated that he would like to add to the agenda.**

**E. THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONTRACT**

F. The Board of Elections contract needs to be signed and returned. City Manager Sumner said that he emailed it to everyone earlier today and that he will put it on Google Drive tomorrow. He said that the cost is generally from \$700.00 to \$1450.00 and that we budget \$2000.00 each year. He asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone objected to adding this to the agenda for Thursday. None noted.

**G. THE RAILROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE**

- H. City Attorney Rob Plumb said that he has the signed contract for the railroad property purchase and it is signed by the railroad. He said that it is the same contract with additional updates to the survey. Councilmember Clendenin asked if we have a survey plat. City Attorney Plumb said yes it is Exhibit A of the contract. The City Manager stated that everything must be encroached by the railroad. The Mayor asked if anyone had any objections to putting this on the agenda for Thursday night. None noted.

**SET JANUARY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

- Collection Center Roll-Off Contract
- Inflow & Infiltration Find and Fix Project

**SET JANUARY CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Fire Truck Radio
- Board of Elections Contract-2015 Elections for Districts 2, 3

**The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**Mayor Bruce Cain**

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**City Clerk Lisa Mashburn**