

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2015

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting December 3, 2015 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin. Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, PWD Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn were all present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Wells

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. OCTOBER 22, 2015 , 11:30 P.M., MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- B. OCTOBER 22,2015, 6:30 P.M. , MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- C. October 29, 2015 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- D. NOVEMBER 2, 2015 WORK SESSION**
- E. NOVEMBER 5, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**
- F. NOVEMBER 12, 2015 DDA PUBLIC FORUM**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin, Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Wilmon Stanley of 308 Washington Street said that many misinformed citizens were worried about the DDA. HE said that he would like to commend the Mayor and Council for setting up the program to inform the citizens and felt that it was all good information. Some of the citizens still do not have any clue as to what a DDA is all about. You got the information out to the citizens and still some do not understand or do not want to understand how the DDA works. He said all the talk about taxes is just a scare tactic. He said that he is 80 years old and a war veteran and know that some politicians use big words to get what they want but you need to take the time to look at things.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. Councilmember Benjamin made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. BODY CAMERAS-SPLOST VII (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis said that as discussed on Monday night more quotes for body cameras are in your packets for you to compare. There are some that are more expensive than the ones we requested from WatchGuard. Councilmember Benjamin asked what the plan is for storage. Chief Davis said he would like to go with the 2 NAS devices as suggested by Jason. City Manager Sumner said that staff recommends the WatchGuard body cameras at a cost of \$895 per camera, the cheap ones last a short time and we need something that is dependable. This would be \$8,950 for 10 and NAS devices at \$2,550 for a total SPLOST VII expense of \$11,500. Chief Davis said that he understands that back up is important but that we may be able to get by for now with one. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin said that we need to go ahead and get 2 for back up. The Chief said that the server is password protected not like with the cloud. Councilmember Barfield said that we need to get a policy together as soon as we can, the cameras are useless if policy does not read right. We need a set policy in place. Chief Davis said that the best way to handle the records is through the Georgia archive records, they have a program that will self-delete after 5 years. **Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin made a motion to purchase 10 body cameras and two back up servers at a total cost of \$13,970 which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MAINTENANCE OF PLANTERS**
- B. SARGENT STREET-SPLOST VII- H&H PAVING, \$40,000**
- C. CITY AND FINANCE CLERKS WINTER CONFERENCE**
- D. MOODY SUPPORT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent Agenda. None noted. **Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin all voted in favor of the motion.**

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin said this will be my last meeting for 10 years. He said he wanted to thank three people, Barbara Stratton, Marilyn Dye and Wilmon Stanley. They always attend every meeting and voice their opinion. He said that he appreciates their help and support and that we need more people like them.

Councilmember Davis said we made it through another year and Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out. Merry Christmas and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Do something kind for those that are less fortunate, check on people. He said that it was a pleasure to work with Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin, nobody sees eye to eye on everything but that over the years a lot accomplished. I appreciate your contribution to the City, I wish you well and don't be silent.

Councilmember Barfield said ditto to what has been said and thanked everyone for coming out tonight. I would like to thank the workers in the City. He said service is service and that he would be disappointed if there was no debate. We can have a debate in the meeting and after the meeting it is done. We are all citizens first, there is no left or right, we are both citizens and patriots. I appreciate you and wish you the best Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. He thanked the department heads and staff for their hard work. Thank you to Council for another year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Thank you to the department heads and the HMA for the events in our downtown, I think it has been very productive. The last event was a tree lighting and that he thought there was 800-900 people in the downtown. I am proud of what the HMA is doing.

The Mayor then presented Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin with a plaque for his service with the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN