**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**JANUARY 7, 2021**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**HAHIRA DEPOT**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting at the Hahira Depot with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Tony Jackson

**COUNCIL ELECTION-MAYOR PRO TEM:**

Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Barfield which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. **Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:**

The Mayor gave Council the list of assignments as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Barfield-Public works

Councilman Davis- Police department

Councilman Benjamin- Parks and Rec/Streets/Nutrition

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 WORK SESSION**
2. **OCTOBER 1, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**
3. **DECEMBER 1, 2020 WORK SESSION**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections. Nonenoted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **FY20 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is the end of the calendar year and we reviewed the expenditures that were forecast prior to the end of the year and some of the items have to be moved around. As discussed at the Work Session we do have a Special Revenue amendment. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the amendments. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted.

**Councilman Davis made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **APPLICATION OF ASAD UR REHMAN-1300 GA HWY 122 WEST FOR PACKAGES SALES OF BEER, WINE AND SUNDAY SALES (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis said that the background check was all good. As I stated on Tuesday night I would recommend approval. The business changed owners and I think the new person is trying to clean it up. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None note. Does anyone have any discussions on thismatter?None noted**. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve the motion which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-09 REZONING REQUEST BY JERRY STOKER: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AT INTERSECTION OF SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE AND EAST COLEMAN DRIVE (PLANNIN AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Martin said this was talked about each at December and January Work Session. After all that discussion of R-10 pattern the applicants has requested to table for another month. I am not sure if they have a new proposal. The Planning Commission recommended R-10 and R-15 plan, now you have to decide to table it or not. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to table to the February 2021 meeting, re-advertise and start from scratch, resend letters and reimburse the City the cost of advertisement of $456.00. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield stated that he is leaning to R-10 North of Coleman and R-15 South of Coleman not R-10 throughout. Martin stated R-10 would be middle ground with 107 lots and one greenspace lot on the NE corner. I believe it also will have a pedestrian walk to the school. The proposal is for two phases. Councilman Davis stated the southeast road has no property boundary and will allow for future expansion. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said he would like tosee the final product first. **Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to table HA-2020-00 until the February meeting which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-01 ANNEXATION REQUEST BY JERRY STOKER: PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AT INTERSECTION OF SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE AND EAST COLEMAN DRIVE (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Table until February 2021 meeting

1. **HA-2020-11 REZONING REQUEST BY ADONNA SMITH FOR RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL BETWEEN PETERS STREET AND EAST MAIN STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Martin stated the next three items are from the same applicant regarding three different properties. The property is currently vacant and you have a survey drawing. The Planning Commission recommends R-10 to R-P. Councilman Davis said so asking to change it with no site plan. Mayor Cain said he feels the same way, no site plan. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said it is tied to the other property so I would be ok with it. There is apartments next to it. Councilman Davis said he has been on the fence about it but because of surrounding properties I do not think it would be too much of a risk. The RP would be at Peters St and East Main St. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. Adonna Smith said she would like to speak in favor, it is all one development and we do not have enough time to create the building plan. The entire development is a package. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None noted. Does Council have any other discussion? None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve HA-2020-11 which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-12 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUST BY ADONNA SMITH FOR DUPLEXES AT 421 & 423 PETERS STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Martin said this is the middle piece of the property, Lot 5 & 6. No road has been built and it is currently R-10 SFR with possible duplexes on the property. There will need to be street and then water/sewer first. The Planning Commission approve this. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. Adonna Smith statedshe was in favor. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None noted**. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-13 VARIANCE REQUEST BY ADONA SMITH FOR REDUCED SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AT 412, 414, 416 & 418 EAST LAWSON STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

P & Z Martin stated this request is regarding setbacks on the Northern most property. It is for 10 foot relief on front and back. The Planning Commission recommends approval. The staff recommends front set back of 10 foot. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None noted. The mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. Councilman Davis said I recommend we go with staff recommendation, this is will beaddition to the community. Martin stated there is no hardship or no site plan. **Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve HA-2020-13 but cut variances in half for the back, leave front 30-20 and back 30-25. No second, motion dies. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to approve Ha-2020-13 to the original request by staff recommendations, 10 foot front set back and 30 foot rear which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Lana Hall Hahira Honeybee Festival President says that she is here to honor a City Employee. It takes an entire Community and one special person. I would like to present something to Donnie Warren on behalf of the Honeybee Festival Committee. Thank you for all you have done for us. You will be missed.

Tim Coombs of the Historical Society said he was here to present Donnie Warren with a gift for all his hard work and for the best kept City under Donnie’s leadership.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVEARAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **REQUEST FOR MONETARY PARTICIPATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (ADONNA SMITH)**

Adonna Smith of Maycomb Avenue Hahira gave a presentation regarding the monetary participation for infrastructure. She gave figures to show how the City would benefit from this. Councilman Davis said every dime of the money for the City is spent on services for the citizens and it is a zero sum game. The City has continual improvements on streets, water and sewer, this would not be a gain for the City. I appreciate the presentation but I cannot vote to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield stated we always have expenditures on Water/Sewer improvements and have just spent 3/4 million and will probably spend around 2 million for up keep. The operational cost and depreciation are a factor. We current have about 2.5 million debt for City water/sewer improvements. People look at tap fees but it pays for pipe to road and it is a $3,000 investment. Our Water/Sewer system is why we are not like a third world country. After more discussion from Adonna Smith the Mayorstated the City is not into development, we can’t take the citizens money to pay fordevelopment. **Councilman Davis made a motion to deny the request which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor to deny.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **PARROTT FOUNTAIN-SOLICIT OTHER VENDORS**
2. **SURPLUS WRIGHT STREET PROPERTY**
3. **MAIN STREET BOARD BYLAW AMENDMENT**
4. **TRASH CANS FOR HAHIRA SQUARE-SPLOST VIII**
5. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR-BRANDON RICE**

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

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Benjamin thanked District 1 for the opportunity to serve and thank you to all departments for the job they do. Congratulation to Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Thank you to Brandon Rice for coming to work with the City as the Public works director. We will miss PWD Warren. Thank you to Mayor and Council for the work they do.

Councilman Davis stated it is a new year and I thank you all for coming. Thank you to all departments and staff. To Donnie I never accepted your resignation, thank you for all the years of hard work and dedication, you will be missed. I wish you a lot of luck. Adonna Smith thank you for submitting the presentation, I appreciate that. Thank you all for coming tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said ditto to all that has been said, I appreciate what everyone has done and for living in a peaceful environment.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thank you to the public for attending. The City Hall is open from 8-5 Monday-Friday and the Mayor is in everyday if you would like to come by to discuss anything. Thank you to the department heads, I work with the best people, and I would not want to be anywhere else. Thank you to Donnie.

Mayor Cain thanked all the department heads and thank you to Donnie for the fantastic job you have done. I appreciate the Council and I wish Patrick Warren the best of luck with his new job. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Barfield.

**Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**