

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**MAY 4, 2023**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6: 00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on May 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Louise White, Kenneth Davis, and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, and Police Chief Terry Davis. MSD Jennifer Price and PWD Willie Jones were not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Greg Powell

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**A. APRIL 4, 2023 WORK SESSION**

**B. APRIL 6, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilmember Barfield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

#### **REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

##### **A. HAHIRA TRAFFIC STUDY FINAL REPORT-TRANSPORT STUDIO (WHITNEY SHEPHARD-COUNCIL MEETING)**

Whitney Shephard Engineer from Transport studio came and reviewed the traffic study for the Hahira area. She stated 2 studies were done with the school and park area having the more traffic. She reviewed the study information and suggested a plan. We have had two public meetings and will have 10 other meetings to come up with the best way to work on traffic issues in Hahira. City Manager Sumner stated that he appreciates all your efforts

and this has been two years of work. The City has had conversations with Cory Hull, Chairman Slaughter and Lowndes County Manager Paige Dukes. Chief Davis and I have also met with the District engineer with GDOT to try to solve traffic problems in Hahira. We are beginning to do some planning for the traffic, the last study was done in the late 1980's. We will be discussing proper planning, proper efforts and proper funding. This is on the Federal, state and regional level. Councilmember White stated that she feels Union Road should be a priority.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. PUBLIC WORKS ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY  
MAINTENANCE POSITION-\$50,342
- B. CERTIFIED WASTEWATER OPERATOR CONTRACT-LARRY  
CRUMB-\$900 MONTHLY
- C. SPRAY FIELD MOWING AGREEMENT-FANCY GIRL FARMS,  
LLC
- D. SUBDIVISION LIFT STATION GENERATOR PURCHASE FOR  
MCNEIL ESTATES, PHILLIPS PLACE AND GRAYLYN-SPLOST  
VIII FY24-COWART ELECTRIC AND INDUSTRIAL  
CONTRACTORS-\$145,155.
- E. GEORGIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE-  
PWD JONES AND CITY MANAGER
- F. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS-  
DAVENPORT AND ASSOCIATES-\$7,500

- G. MOBILE BYPASS PUMP PURCHASE-SPLOST VIII-HYDRA SERVICE-\$35,315
- H. SALARY ADJUSTMENT -POLICE, FIRE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS-\$236,524
- I. VETERANS DAY PARADE-NOVEMBER 11
- J. WOODBRIDGE DRAINAGE LETTER
- K. GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION FRESHWATER CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RENEWAL

**Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.**

## **REPORTS:**

Councilman Barfield stated it is interesting to see what has developed in all these areas since the 1980. We now have to manage growth while working on road and transportation. We can't stop growth we just have to work to control what we can. We have to provide the services needed. This is all painful but necessary. We will work to get the best traffic flow we can and I look forward to seeing it all.

Councilmember White said she knows we need to work on the traffic at Union Road. Thanks for coming out tonight and thank you for the great job you do everyday.

Councilmember Davis said I agree with all that has been said. I have one point and that is that you cannot stop growth, many believe you can but you cannot. You can only have good planning and I think that is what we have been doing. The traffic study was a great help, thank you for being here tonight. This is the type of planning that we need.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti said I agree 100% with all that has been said tonight. Thank you for all your efforts and I think the community appreciates it. We need to support Public Safety, Public Works and Administration when we can. They do what they do and it makes our job easier. I look forward to future development.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to all departments for the work you do. We have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event coming up, Main street is working diligently this year to prepare and I thank you. Congratulations to our PW director Willie Jones, he is not here tonight because he is a proud new grandfather.

Mayor Cain said that he concurs with all that has been said tonight, it is hard being the last to speak. I think the study is very important, I have 36 years in Engineering and it is proven that this kind of thing can help if it is all done now for the

future. A lot of places did not prepare and they did not have a plan. I appreciate all the department heads and all the departments; you make our job easier.

**A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to Adjourn which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember White, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**