**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**JUNE 4, 2020**

**HAHIRA SQUARE**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** City Manager Jonathan Sumner

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **FEBRUARY 7, 2020 RETREAT**
2. **MAY 5, 2020 WORK SESSION**
3. **MAY 7, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

John Kramer of 604 Stagecoach Trail stated that he wanted to discuss an issue from 2014 with water drainage ditch beside his house. He stated that there is a lot of vegetation, stagnant water from drainage problem and a stench. We have mosquitos and snakes and trash from the neighborhood in the ditch. I have been talking to the Mayor for the last 6 years and I have been getting lip service. In 2015 I ask them to come and fill it in and I was told the builder should have filled it in before I purchased the house. Mr. Jonathan has done a great job when I go up and complain about it being very high then he sends them out to do maintenance and they come out and do a shootie job. Discussion about the ditch ended with the fact that he would like a solution to the problem. The Mayor stated that they did a cost estimate with Stevenson and Palmer about 5 years ago and it would cost $400,000 to fill it in. We even tried to apply for grants for help with it. Councilman Davis stated that he lives on Stagecoach and it has not been brought to his attention. You can go to the Mayor and City Manager but the Council makes the decision on spending the $400.000. I am willing to talk with you and see if we can come up with a solution. Davis stated to his knowledge there is no plan to fill in the ditch, it is not planned or budgeted. You can talk to anyone of us on Council and I do concur that we need a solution.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **FY19 AUDIT**
2. **JULY WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES-JUNE 30 & JULY 2**
3. **MAIN STREET BOARD BY-LAWS**
4. **HONEYBEE CITY RESOLUTION**
5. **GEORGIA RURAL WATER CONFERENCE-PWD WARREN**
6. **PROVISIONAL BUSINESS LICENSE EXTENSION UNTIL 09/30/2020-ROCKETSHIP (UPS/FED EX SHIPPING) 102 N CHURCH STREET**
7. **HAHIRA SQUARE PHASE 2.2 CHANGE ORDER-$31,334**

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

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Barfield stated summer is here and I hope everyone has a good summer. Thank you to all the directors on the job you are doing. We are living in strange times, times I have not seen in my life. I would like to commend you on what you have done on behalf of what we are dealing with, this too shall pass. We need to continue to stay on top of things and come up with solutions with people. Thank you to the Mayor.

Councilman Benjamin thanked District 1 for the opportunity to serve. We are living in crazy times, I wish we could go back and hit reset on 2020. We will have a lot of challenges ahead of us and we can overcome if we say the course, renew our health and the economy. Thank you again to the City Manager for another good audit and to the department heads for staying on budget. The Audit is on time and it is a testament to our staff, the City Manager, Finance director and City Clerk. We need to pray and we will continue to get through this.

Councilman Davis said he would like to piggy back what Councilman Benjamin said, we have a lot of challenges locally and the Nation. We do have crazy times and I am thankful that it has not affected our City. We have a great staff and I would like to thank you for making it that way.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren said he would like to ditto what has been said. I appreciate you all coming out tonight. I appreciate Mr. Kramer for coming out, I have never heard of you before tonight and we can see what we can do to help. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve.

City Manager Sumner said he would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads and to the Admin staff, Carol, Lisa, Victoria and Jennifer. We are taking things slow and evaluate each month to get back to full speed. Regarding the pillars at the Caboose they will be fixed and not obstructing the Caboose. We also have a few concerns with guide wires on a pole but Georgia Power will come and look at it and see what we can do and give cost to fix it.

The Mayor stated that he concurs with all that has been said. Thank you to Ms. Carol and staff for the work on the Audit.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**