**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**AUGUST 6, 2020**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**HAHIRA COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting at the Courthouse 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, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER**: Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **JUNE 30, 2020 WORK SESSION**
2. **JULY 2, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **MILLAGE RATE (3RD PUBLIC HEARING)-CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Sumner stated as we discussed on Tuesday night we had two public hearings on July 30th at noon and 6:00 p.m. with no attendees. We had to advertise due to expected revenue increase of 678.00. Staff recommends keeping the millage rate at 4.75. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to hold the millage rate at 4.75 for FY21 which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Millicent Crawford of Duluth Georgia stated she was here to discuss the property at 302 Wright Street. She stated she owned the property and wanted to put a small personal care home there. The property is zoned R-10 and the house would hold about 15 people at a time. We have site plans and the house would be about 2900 square foot. The variance application has been completed. It would be assisted living with 24 hour health care. We would house senior citizens with mobility because we would not have elevator, meals, laundry and car transportation. I realized there was a need for this in the area.

**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 Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **HAHIRA SQUARE-PARROTT FOUNTAIN (CITY MANAGER)**

Councilman Barfield stated that he stopped by to call to Dr. Parrott about the fountain. He stated the family liked #3 or # 4. He wanted to be sure that it had water flowing and that it was lighted. City Manager Sumner stated that if we decide on a fountain tonight I can get the cost of installation, slab price with pavers and bring back more authentic price at the September meeting**. Councilman Barfield made a motion for fountain #4 which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **APPOINTMENT TO MPO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAYOR CAIN)**

City Manager Sumner stated that as discussed the other night there is no term. You are appointed and serve until you decide not to serve anymore. It does not have to be a resident, it can be someone with financial interest in Hahira. The Mayor stated that he has not had a chance to talk to anyone yet. We should table for more time until next month meeting.

1. **PROPOSED LEFT TURN LANE FOR EAST BOUND MAIN STREET TRAFFIC AT CHURCH STREET AT CHURCH STREET INTERSECTION (MAYOR CAIN)**

**The Mayor stated that as discussed on Tuesday night I called DOT and we can give approval and it not be set in stone. DOT will need to do a traffic study to see if needed but we do have the option to change our minds later. After the traffic study they will send it for Council review.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**
2. **EMS FLOOR $2515-LAKELAND FLOOR COVERING-SPLOST VII**
3. **APPOINTMENT OT MAIN STREET BOARD-JOSH OWEN**
4. **WEST STANFILL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-SURVEYING-SPLOST VII**
5. **HAHIRA SQUARE ARCHES $7,000-VILLAGE METAL WORKS-SPLOST VII**
6. **RESOLUTION TO AMEND WESTERN BOUNDARY OF DDA**

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

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out to night and for the opportunity to serve District 1. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for your cooperation, we must remain diligent and look out for everyone. Thank you for each department head and employee for what you are doing.

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming out and the opportunity to serve and I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren said that he is excited about the new fountain. I am very proud of City Manager Sumner and Department heads we have good number in the budget to work with. Thank you to Ms. Crawford for coming out tonight, you will have to do on a small scale but I think it is needed.

Councilman Barfield said that he was shocked when he read the Valdosta Daily Times, saying that it bad for us to thank the people that do the work in the City every day. The public reports that we are political grandstanding. I find it insulting. I am a citizen and trying to help them to make decisions and I appreciate all that you do. I encourage hard working people and I appreciate what they do. I like to brag about our City.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and to the department heads for a great job. We have a few planning and zoning cases next month and I will be sending information out to you.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone and said that he agrees with what Councilman Barfield said. We have an awesome group of department heads and I think it is ok to tell them once a month what we think and City hall runs so well. I have been to a lot of Council meetings and I have never seen a Council get along so well. Praise it and be blessed.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 p.m.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**