**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Warren and Councilman Terry Benjamin via teleconference. 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 Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **JULY 30, 2020 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #1-12 NOON**
2. **JULY 30, 2020 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #2-6 P.M.**
3. **AUGUST 4, 2020 WORK SESSION**
4. **AUGUST 6, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**
5. **AUGUST 20, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **HA-2020-03 REZONING REQUEST BY THE CITY OF HAHIRA FOR SPRAYFIELD ON BROOKRIDGE DRIVE TO R-15 (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

The Rezone and property annexation request by the City of Hahira is 106.2 acres and it is the property that where the spray field is located. It is zoned EA/Conservation and the City would like to change it to R-15. The Annexation and Rezoning go together. This does fit the existing pattern. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the Rezoning. None noted. TheMayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the Rezoning of the property. Nonenoted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Rezoning Request which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-04 ANNEXATION REQUEST BY THE CITY OF HAHIRA FOR SPRAYFIELD ON BROOKRIDGE DRIVE (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion. None noted**. Mayor Pro Tem Warren made a motion to approve the Annexation which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-05 REZONING REQUEST BY THE CITY OF HAHIRA FOR 100-104 NORTH CHURCH STREET TO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD-PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

This is a request by the City of Hahira to rezone the property across from City Hall at 100-104 N Church Street. It is 0.34 of an acre and it is at the traffic light. It is currently zones R/P, R/O and the City would like for it to be zoned CBD which is currently the zoning for across the street. It is non-conforming with apartment and two store fronts. The Planning Commission approve this with an 8-0 vote. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished tospeak against the motion. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the Rezoning request which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-06 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST BY MILLICENT CRAWFORD FOR PERSONAL CARE HOME: 302 WRIGHT STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

As discussed at the Monday night meeting Millicent Crawford has requested a personal care home at 302 Wright Street. It went to the Planning Commission and had an 8-0 vote with conditions. The conditions are applicant will have only 4 residents, it will be one story and will have handicap ramp in the rear. There will no on street parking or front of resident parking, only the driveway. No signage and full commission planning review. This is request for Special exception request. No plan review for single family owner conversion. This is the first one and it is from scratch. It will be by the state rules, what the state health organization requires for Health facility. Mayor Pro Tem Warren said this is state agency, we look at the construction but the owner will qualify for the state license. The City will just approve the use. They will just get a yes or no from us and the limit of persons by size, then the Fire Marshall will do the occupancy. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against HA-2020-06.

Louise White of 701 Sargent Street said she lives on the side of it. We want to keep the neighborhood the same. We do not want a business there and have a lot of cars parking in yard and in front of the house.

Vincent Williams of 304 Wright Street said he looked at the blueprint and I do not think the width and the driveway are at the size they should be. This is not a true blueprint but a drawing.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor.

Jeff Campbell of 310 W 4th Street Adel Ga said he owned the vacant lot around this and he said that he will help her because he feels that it is worth being there.

Millicent Crawford of Duluth Ga who owns the property at 302 Wright Street stated that there are state regulations. There is a plan for 4 residents and they will have their own room and share a bathroom. There will be family visitation with adequate parking. We want it to be viewed as a resident with quiet neighborhood atmosphere. It will be for the elderly and I think it will beautify the lot. It has been vacant for 25 years and the trees have been taken down. It has been in my family since 1957 and it means something to me. I am building this to honor my grandmother and stay connected to Hahira.

Karen Camion 405 W Stanfill St said this is like family to her. She has been a nurse for 40 years and I have a heart for the elderly. Hahira does not have this to offer and I think it is a brilliant idea. I think the Council should approve this.

Freeman Rivers 204 S Hall said that he thinks it is a brilliant idea. I understand the opposition but this is needed in Hahira. I would be proud for it to be in my hometown and I will pray about it.

Anna Carol Crawford Walker of Adel said it has been in her family and so she gave it to Millicent. I support her all the way and I have known all these people all of my life.

Councilman Davis said that he is happy to see everyone coming out, doing things to improve the community. I applaud both sides. I have read the letters and reviewed the signatures. I see both sides. I think the applicant has been working on this with long term planning, state and local regulations. She has worked with the architects and the Commissioners to accommodate. Mayor Pro Tem Warren ask what Millicent background was. She stated she worked for a facility in Tifton and learned the business. I will be moving back to the area. I worked with zoning and then Councilman Benjamin. I reached out to property owners, wrote letters and asked questions. I had a social worker tell me there is a need for this. Mayor Pro Tem Warren said you are trying to help people but the small lot worries me. I wish everyone wanted the same thing, we have to take care of each other. I think it will be ok if you comply with the rules and keep it conservative. I wish Councilman Benjamin was here to represent his district. I am not opposed to it but I would like to have people feel better about it. I do not want to makepeople mad. Councilman Barfield said are you concerned about the diagrams, any discrepancies. There are many requirements and all that will be worked out. Matt Martin said these are conceptual drawings. The house is 32 foot wide and will have full review**. I** am not concerned with the drawings, they will go through review**.**

Councilman Benjamin phoned in to discuss the matter. He was informed that the Council hated to make a decision without him being here. Councilman Benjamin said this is something that is needed in Hahira. We do not have one and Ms. Crawford has done her due diligence and I do not understand the opposition. It will be a senior facility and she owns the property, I am in support of it. Why the opposition? If all things are met I would vote in favor of it. We could table to next month but I do not see the need. Councilman Barfield said I understand, I have a 92 year old mother in the Fellowship Home, she could not take care of herself. I we had a facility in Hahira she would have wanted to go there. I think it would be a great place to be. I think you should get it started, I want to see you make this right. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions.None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve HA-2020-06 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. **HA-2020-07 VARIANCE REQUEST BY MILLICENT CRAWFORD FOR PERSONAL CARE HIME: 302 WRIGHT STREET (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. Martin stated this is a variance for setback relief on all 4 sides. Front yard 30 feet, 8 feet for parking and 10 feet for side yard. The Mayor asked if the Council had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the Variance request. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. **Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve HA-2020-07 which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **FY 21 BUDGET PRELIMINARY ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated Tuesday night was the budget workshop. This is the preliminary budget adoption. We have had no comments from the public. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the budget. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the budget. None noted.

**Councilman Barfield made a motion to adopt the FY21 Preliminary Budget 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:** None noted**.**

**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 pay the bills which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

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

City Manager Sumner stated this was discussed on Monday night and it was stated that we would like some different options. We have no pricing and we are aware of the budget, which was donated by the Parrott family. It was discussed the fountain we had was in the $57-58,000 range and the installation would be around $20,000. Councilman Barfield stated we need to get the price close to the donated price, maybe bigger and grander. Sumner stated if you can pick the ones you like I can price them out for you. Barfield stated we like the base of #8 with the fountain of 1, 2 or 3. I think it should be 25 foot base with 16 foot high fountain.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION ADVERTISEMENT AND HIRING SCHEDULE**
2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE-SPLOST VII**
3. **SURPLUS PROPERTY-2 CARS, 2 TRACTORS, 1 SNOW PLOW ATTACHMENT**
4. **APPOINTMENT OT MPO CITIZNES ADVISORY COMMITTEE-MARSHALL INGRAM**

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

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Davis said I appreciate what the City workers do, they are out 24/7. They may be out in the middle of the night and you do not see them and I thank them for that.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren said that he is proud to be part of the process. I have been looking at Millicent and I think she will have good support from the Community. This is all part of the process. Thanks to Councilman Benjamin who came in to help. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Councilman Barfield said ditto to all that has been said. This is an example of the process, it works. I hope people understand that hoops are designed for the system to work, put your faith in the system. I thank you and I am proud to be a part of it. I am honored to serve.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the wonderful department heads. Thank you to Donnie for what he does and we will get the advertisement out for that position.

Councilman Benjamin thanked the citizens of District 1 for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for wanting my input, my hat is off to you. Thank you to the citizens for coming out and for allowing me to serve. I think we will be happy to have this facility in our town. We have experts that review it all and we will happy to have the facility. Thank you to all the department heads and to our City Clerk.

Mayor Cain said ditto to what has been said and thank you to Matt and the department heads, City Manager, Lisa and Council. It has been a pleasure to serve. Thank you for all coming out tonight.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**