

CITY OF HAHIRA
FEBRUARY 1, 2022
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis.

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

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JANUARY 4, 2022 WORK SESSION

B. JANUARY 6, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY21 BUDGET AMENDMENT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this is budget amendment for the 2021 budget requested by the auditors regarding the COVID 19 funds. The details of the amendment are in your packet.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. 2022 HONEYBEE FESTIVAL (LANA HALL)

Lana Hall from the Hahira Honey Bee Committee gave the dates of September 26 to October 1st for the 2022 41st annual Honeybee Festival. We are still working on the theme and the Grand Marshall. We have the same requests regarding the closure of the streets and help from Fire and Police departments. We would like to say thank you to all the departments and City hall for all your help.

B. PROPOSED SUBDIVISION NORTH OF WOODBRIDGE (MATT PHELPS)

Matt Phelps said that he is here regarding a proposed subdivision at E. Grace Street and Main St Ext. The owners are wanting to do 28 home planned development. They would like to make them 3/2 with 1300-1500 square foot and they would be priced at \$190-195,000. City Manager Sumner stated this is just discussion only. It may be on the Planning Commission agenda in March and Hahira Council Agenda in April. There was discussion about the designs, façade and exteriors. Phelps stated the exterior would be vinyl siding with metal accents on porch. The Interior will be open concept with bedrooms upstairs. Councilman

Barfield asked if example of type of house and Matt Phelps said yes the house next to head start has the same design.

C. GMA ANNUAL CONVENTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated GMA Convention will be in Savannah from June 24 to June 28th. I will need a count of attendance so that we can get everyone registered.

Councilmember Rosatti, White and Barfield plan to attend.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. MAIN STREET UPDATE (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price gave update on upcoming City events. The Father Daughter dance is selling out. We have a few pledges now for the pick in with tickets for \$25.00. We will also have bands and t shirts for event. We will start the market on February 26th with Chili cook off and sidewalk sale. In April we will have Spring Downtown and in May the markets come back.

B. CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER TRAINING (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price would like to attend certified public manager training. The training was recommended by the City Manager and will be from September to May 2023. The cost is \$3,500 and covers instructors, books and lodging.

C. CEMENT MIXER (CITY MANAGER)

Asst. PW Director Thomas Iler said the City has a potential need for a cement mixer. He recommended Toro 958 from Preferred Rental in the amount of \$5304.00.

D. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (CITY MANAGER)

Mayor and Council selected Willie Jones who will be coming from Valdosta Engineering department. He has 25 years of experience including road crew and plan review. He gave notice to the City and it was accepted and we have informal offer accepted from the City of Hahira. The Mayor and Council hires all department heads and Mr. Jones should start on March 7, 2022.

E. PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK REPAIR (CITY MANAGER)

Public works has a truck that needs a new engine. We had two quotes. Sprague quoted \$5,638 and White Auto was much higher price. Sumner stated he thinks repair is the best option and will cover the labor and parts.

F. GCCMA SPRING CONFERENCE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated the Spring Conference will be March 9-11 in Athens for all City/County Managers and he would like to attend.

G. Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update-Jeff Brammer and Matt Martin

This is the official plan update which has overview of natural and human caused hazards. It includes loss of life and damage to property and it is updated every 5 years. This is the 3rd adoption since adoption in 2006. City Manager Sumner ask about change in language. Mr. Brammer stated the change is mostly regarding cyber-attacks.

SET FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-Public Works Director-Willie Jones

SET FEBRUARY CONSENT AGENDA:

-2022 HONEYBEE FESTIVAL

-CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER TRAINING

-CEMENT MIXER-PREFERRED RENTAL

-PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK REPAIR-SPRAGUE AUTOMOTIVE

-GCCMA SPRING CONFERENCE

-GMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

-2022 LOWNDES COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH DAVIS

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN