

**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**OCTOBER 4, 2022**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on October 4, 2022 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Louise White, Tony Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, PWD Willie Jones and MSD Jennifer Price.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. AUGUST 25, 2022- 12 P.M. MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #1**
- B. AUGUST 25, 2022 - 6 P.M. MILLATE RATE PUBLIC HEARING #2**
- C. AUGUST 30, 2022 WORK SESSION**
- D. SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the bills. None noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING (COUNCIL MEETING)**

- A. FY23 BUDGET FINAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is final step and reviewed the process for new budget. He stated budget copies are available at City Hall and all workshops are done. Everything remains the same on the final copy. We will have it for final adoption at Thursday night Council meeting.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **A. BOJANGLES GAS STATION AND CONVIENIENCE STORE (BRAD FOLSOM)**

Attorney Brad Folsom stated he is hear tonight to represent Mr. Patel who is a current business owner in Valdosta regarding a new Bojangles/Gas station/Convenience store in Hahira. I have Glenn Gregory architect and Mike Wilson with Innovate Engineering. This is a preview meeting to give information for a proposed project in Hahira. We are working on the preliminary Master plan, we already had a few changes with DOT, they want to put the entrance so that it will line up with Wendy's/Huddle House entrance on Hwy 122. The gas station would have 6-8 pumps and this is what is required per the overlay district. We should have plans and variance request at the next meeting. The variance

request is regarding the front setback, 75 feet to 100 feet. We are working to blend the two franchise businesses together to fit in the specific design for the City of Hahira. We are on the brink of getting things together and would like to know if anyone has any questions? The Mayor stated we would need a complete set of plans first. City Manager Sumner stated the first stop is Planning and Zoning in Valdosta, Matt Martin. They provide technical support and have pre application meeting first. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. City Manager Sumner stated he would like to verify that it is on Hwy 122 in front of Wendy's and Huddle House not rear side on W Stanfill Street.

**B. 2023 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT-JANUARY 19-23, 2023 (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is in Atlanta January 19-23, 2023. Registration is \$850.00 with nightly room cost of about \$185 per room. Registration is in November and I would like to know if you plan to attend. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Rosatti and Councilmember White all plan to attend.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING (MAYOR CAIN)**

The Mayor stated he was hoping to have quotes to present to Council but he did not get them in time. He will have the information for the Thursday night meeting.

**B. CHIEFS WINTER CONFERENCE (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis stated he would like to attend the winter conference January 25-28 at Jekyll Island. He is not sure of cost yet but would like to attend for certification hours.

**C. FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE (CHIEF BENNETT)**

D. Fire Chief Bennett stated he is requesting to replace vehicle that is currently 9 years old and has over 100,000 miles. It needs repair to motor, dash light system and more and he is holding off for now to see if can get new vehicle. I will check with 10-15 car lots to get to get the best price on Charger or Tahoe. I would expect lights/sirens and vehicle to be around \$50,000. This is SPLOST VII expense and we will surplus the old vehicle.

**E. BANNERS FOR DOWNTOWN (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price stated she would like to purchase 2 sets of banners for downtown, one Christmas banner and one all season banner. The cost would be \$1,560 and is SPLOST VIII eligible expense.

**F. CLERKS WINTER CONFERENCE (CITY CLERK )**

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn stated she would like to attend Clerks training February 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> at Jekyll Island. The estimated cost of conference is \$325 and room approximately \$150.00 per night.

### **G. BACK UP PUMP (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones stated lift station pump on Hagenbridge went down and we had to use the backup pump. We need replacement pump and spare pump. The cost is \$8480 each and we need 2 at the total cost of \$16,960. We need one in the ground and one spare. Councilman Rosatti asked the life of a pump. PWD Jones said the current one is about 15 years old but the warranty is for 5 years. This would be paid out of SPLOST VIII and Proprietary fund.

### **H. HOLIDAY AGENDA DEADLINE AND PACKET AND DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner reviewed the few changes to the agenda schedule for Mayor and Council.

### **I. 2023 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner reviewed the 2023 Meeting and Holiday Schedule noting the only changes are in October and July. The Retreat is scheduled for February 3, 2023.

### **J. 2022 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 13 (CITY MANAGER)**

The Annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 13, 2022 at the Depot. We will have the same caterer with same menu. It will be for employee and a guest. The cost is \$2,700.

**K. FY23 RETREAT-FEBRUARY 3 (CITY MANAGER)**

The Retreat is scheduled for February 3, 2023 at the Depot. Please mark your calendars.

**SET OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA (MAYOR CAIN)**

The Mayor set the Discussion and Consent agenda.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**