

Council Meeting
March 5, 1998

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councilmen Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Councilwoman Beverly Martin; City Manager, Scott Purvis; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Harris gave the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum established.

Council Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 1998, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Floyd McNeal Request for sewer line easement: City Manager reported on Mr. McNeal's request. The sewer line would be located along an old alley on the north side of town. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the request, provided they get easements on the property, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Adeline Landrum requested permission to use city sidewalks and city employees for the Honey Bee Festival in October. Council Harris made a motion to approve the 17th Annual Honey Bee Festival, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Landrum presented a check for \$1,000 to the city to be used to purchase blinds for the courthouse and Christmas decorations.

Ms. Ouida McKinney of the Keep Valdosta-Lowndes County Beautiful committee, reported that on Saturday, April 25, there would be clean up day in Hahira and they would need volunteers for the day.

City Manager reported on the Joint Building Inspections, Planning and Zoning Intergovernmental Agreement. Council Griffin made a motion to enter into agreement, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager reported on the Environmental Specialist Proposal - Underground Storage Tank.

The cost for the test would be \$12,660.00. This is mandated by the EPD. Council Martin made a motion to appease the EPD, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager asked for council's approval to send Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, to the Georgia Water & Pollution Control Associations' Spring Conference. This is a budgeted item. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager also asked for council's approval to send Public Works Director to Georgia Water and Wastewater Institute, Inc. on April 20 through 24 at a cost of \$80.00. This is a budgeted item. Council Harris made a motion to send the Public Works Director to school, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager asked for council's approval to attend the Municipal and County Management Institute on April 1 - 3, at a cost of \$250.00. This is a budgeted item. Council Williams made a motion to send the City Manager to this school, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager read the Short Term Work Program Resolution on solid waste. This will have to be adopted by council. Council Martin made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager proposed raising the copying fees from 20 cents to 25 cents per copy, as provided for in O.C.G.A. 50-18-71. Council Griffin made a motion to raise the fees 5 cents, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager asked council to adopt the Agenda Request Form. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the form, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris had no report but thanked the Honey Bee Committee for the donation.

Council Griffin stated that he was busy trimming trees. The trees downtown will be replaced with Savannah Holly trees.

Council Williams had no report.

Council Martin apologized for missing last month's meeting. She asked about using the courthouse for meeting with citizens in District 1.

City Manager reported that the city did not get the Better Home Town Program, but we would try again.

Mayor Adams reported on the habitat house and asked for council to approve a waiver on the water and sewer taps for the house. Council Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams stated his concerns with the streets being cleaned and asked for council to approve \$600.00 for Air-Sweeps-A-Lot to clean the streets. Council Griffin made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for a one-day retreat for Mayor/Council and asked City Manager to set up a date for the retreat. Council Martin made a motion to plan a retreat, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City