

**Council Meeting
January 7, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, January 7, 1999, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin and Arnold Williams; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow Blue; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

ABSENT: Council Beverly Martin and City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

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

The invocation was given by Councilman Harris.

Mayor Adams welcomed all visitors. A quorum was established.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Williams made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Police Department equipment purchases: Chief Blue requested approval for winter training conference to be held at Lake Lanier. The cost would be \$508.50. This is a budgeted item. Council Williams made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue also requested approval to purchase a new computer for the police department. The cost would be \$1295.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue requested approval to purchase an observation system at a cost of \$1500.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Blue requested approval to purchase a new typewriter for the police department for \$200.00. Council Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Request for \$1000 donation to Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Command College Foundation: Mayor Adams reported on the request. Council Williams made a motion to give the \$1000 donation to the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Command College Foundation, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Water meter replacement at Motel: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby requested approval to change the 4" and 2" meters and install compound meters. He recommended a Neptune water meter. Total cost of meters and parts would be \$3,119.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Storm drain and catch basin improvements on Stanfill Street: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported on a flood problem on Stanfill Street. His plans are to remove the existing drain on Stanfill St and take out the catch basin, cap the two lines and install a 24" pipe at the corner of Stanfill and N. Nelson St. A new catch basin would be installed at the corner in front of Mr. Archie Lott's house. Estimated cost would be \$4,091.40. Council Harris made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

John Thursby requested purchasing a vacuum sweeper from Echo at a cost of \$880.00. This is a budgeted item. He asked if the money from last year's budget for a trailer could be used for this purchase. Council Griffin made a motion to purchase the Echo vacuum sweeper, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Council and committee assignments: Mayor Adams reported that the Council's assignments would remain the same:

Council Williams - Water/Sewer/Sanitation

Council Martin - Parks and Recreation

Council Griffin - Public Safety

Council Harris - Streets and Sidewalks

Mayor - Administration

The following committees would need council's approval:

The City Tree Board

Hahira Library Committee

Beautification Committee

Zoning Board of Appeals

Housing Authority

Hahira Historical Preservation Commission

Downtown Development Authority

Representatives for the Transportation Policy Study Commission

Two representatives for the Greater Lowndes County Planning Commission

Appointment to the Lowndes Clean and Beautiful Commission

Others that will not need council's approval:

Hahira Historical Society

Chamber of Commerce

Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau

South Georgia Regional Library Board

Council Williams made a motion to approve the appointments as written, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Recommendation for vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals: Mayor Adams reported that Ms. Alice Pearl Taylor had resigned. Council Griffin made a motion to recommend Ms. Mamie Sorrell, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Request from Samuel Hughes for Eagle Scout project: Mayor Adams stated that there would be a park project planned that Mr. Hughes can help with.

(H) Agreement with Geosciences, Inc: Mayor Adams reported that the EPD required putting down two more wells for testing groundwater where gas storage tank was removed a few years ago. Estimated cost would be \$8,512.00 from Geosciences, Inc. Completion date to be May 3. Council Harris made a motion to proceed, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Consent order update: Mayor Adams reported that the EPD sent a consent order mandating that the work at the wastewater treatment plant would have to be completed in 18 months. Date of order was December 9, 1998. Engineers are now doing surveying of the property.

Mayor Adams presented city employee, Freddie Lawrence, Jr. with a plaque of appreciation for 10 years of service to the city.

Council Harris had no report.

Council Griffin expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Lions Club, Lioness Club, Honey Bee Committee and the Methodist Women's Quilting group for their donations to the city.

Council Williams dittoed Council Griffin's remarks.

Mayor Adams reported that on Saturday there would be a surplus property sale. Chief Blue stated that it would be at 10:00 a.m. at the city barn on Lowndes Street.

The DCA workshop will be on the 27th.

Some councilmembers will be going to the GMA meeting in Atlanta on the 22nd.

On the 25th the city hopes to hear about the status of the Better Home Town program.

Mayor Adams asked to meet with Council on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to discuss naming an interim City Manager.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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