

**Council Meeting  
December 6, 2001**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Adams presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councilmen Bob Harris, Joel Hunnicutt, Sonny Copeland and Wayne Bullard; City Manager, Danny Lucas; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Chamber Director, Bonnie Tindall; Student Council, Chris Bullard.

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

Mayor Adams called for a moment of silence to honor those whose lives were lost on September 11th, the military personnel who are serving our country, and to remember Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. He then gave the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the November 8, 2001 minutes as printed, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Adams asked Council if there were any questions on the bills. There were none.

**Public Hearing**

Hahira Tree and Landscape Ordinance P. C. file #HA-2001-10:

Mr. Matt Martin of the Planning Commission reported on the ordinance and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Planning Commission recommended approval. Council Harris made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

End

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Adoption of 2002 Budget by Ordinance:

Mayor Adams read the ordinance. Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Department requests:

Fire Chief, Plair, asked council for approval to renovate the old fire truck and build a shelter to park it under adjacent to the fire station . Approximate cost would be \$6,000.00. Council Bullard made a motion to let the Fire Chief proceed in the restoration of the old truck and shed, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief, Plair, also asked for approval to update the staff car to a 1994 at a cost of \$1,800.00. Council Bullard made a motion to upgrade, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that the #2 well needed some work done. Cost to pull the pump and photograph would be \$3,450.00. This would not cover replacing the pump. It would cost another \$140.00 per hour to reinstall the pump. We can determine at that time what needs to be done to put the well back in productivity. Council Harris made a motion to proceed as stated, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, Thursby, recommended purchasing two each, 3, 4, and 6 yard rearload aluminum garbage containers at a cost of \$4,830.00 from Boone Welding in Ocala. This is a budgeted item. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to purchase the containers, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, Thursby, thanked council for their support in purchasing the equipment for the city.

Chamber Director, Bonnie Tindall reminded everyone of the Open House and Christmas parade on Saturday. She requested closing a portion of Lowndes Street to B. J. Miley Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Council Harris made a motion to comply with the request, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

The Chamber meeting will be on Tuesday at Smith Hospital. The new County Manager, John Pritchard will be the special guest.

Mayor Adams recommended purchasing furniture and a computer for the new Mayor's office at City Hall. Council Harris made a motion to spend the funds for the furniture and computer, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Hahira Honeybee Festival Chairperson:

Mr. Adeline Landrum presented a check for \$2,000.00 from the Honey Bee Festival Committee to the city and requested that it be used for a P A system for the courthouse.

(C) Council Approval of Employee Excess Sick Leave, Christmas Bonuses, Mayor /Council Salaries and Volunteer Firefighters:

Mayor Adams recommended paying the Christmas Bonuses and Mayor/Council salaries on Friday, December 7th. Fire Department and sick leave checks on December 21st. Council Copeland made a motion to pay as recommended, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams recommended Monday, December 24th as an off day for employees who have caught up their work.

(D) Council Approval of execution of documents Contracts, Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for Hahira Industrial Park Water Tank:

Council Harris made a motion to let the Mayor proceed with the project to execute the documents, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Council approval of Tricon Development change orders for city hall renovations:

Mayor Adams recommended doing the work . Council Harris made a motion to approve the change order as recommended, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Consideration of walkway bids for Smith park:

Mayor Adams recommended accepting bid from Tricon to install concrete walkways in Smith Park. Part of the concrete work will be stamped concrete . Council Harris made a motion to do the walkways as described, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Approval of GEFA Loan Resolution:

Mayor Adams read the resolution and asked for authorization to execute the necessary loan documents. Council Harris made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the loan documents, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council approval of using remaining Rural Development Loan Funds for sewer I & I reduction:

Mayor Adams reported that tomorrow, the city would be closing on the loan for the wastewater treatment facility. There will be about \$75,000.00 balance left which could be applied to the loan. He recommended taking the money and doing I & I work on the sewer system. Council Bullard made a motion to take the money and do I & I work, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Adoption of amendment to water and sewer ordinance 1-91 to increase water and sewer rates:

Mayor Adams read the ordinance. Council Bullard made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Scott Purvis request for one half of alley adjacent to his property:

Mayor Adams reported on a request from Scott Purvis for 1/2 of alley on east side of his property located at 410 N Church Street. He recommended sending Mr. Purvis a letter of approval and having it surveyed. Council Bullard made a motion to send the letter and have it surveyed, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked all council members who wanted to attend the GMA Conference in Atlanta in January, to come by City Hall tomorrow and fill out their applications and make reservations.

Council Copeland said that things looked good.

Council Hunnicutt stated that the city looked festive.

Council Bullard reported that the ditches looked good.

Council Harris stated his appreciation in working with the city and serving his district. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported that the playground equipment from Miracle Equipment for Webb-Miller Park would be installed next Thursday. He stated that he hoped to have all renovations at City Hall and the Police Department finished by Christmas. The handicap ramp should be completed by Saturday. Bricks from the old cigarette factory were purchased and used in the foundation of the handicap ramp.

Some termite damage has been found at the courthouse recently. Orkin has been contacted and will do an inspection on Monday.

Mayor Adams reported that the Work Session and Budget Hearing would be on New Year's eve at 5 PM.

Mayor Adams recognized Councilman Bob Harris and gave a history of his accomplishments. He was presented a plaque of appreciation. Mayor Adams read a proclamation declaring December 21st as "Elected Official Appreciation Day" in Hahira.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor  
Brady, City Clerk

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