

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

WORKSESSION

JULY 2, 2012

6:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor Wayne Bullard and Council met for a Work Session July 2, 2012 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding:

PRESENT: COUNCILS: Ralph Clendenin, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Cain, Terry Benjamin, Rose Adams, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, PW Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

- A.) June 4, 2012 Work Session
- B.) June 7, 2012 Council Meeting

No corrections noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

City Manager Sumner stated that he would like to report on the mileage for G-Waste Sanitation. He stated the trucks entire route and trips to the landfill are 532 miles per week and 2128 miles per month.

Councilmember Adams stated she had a question regarding the expense and revenue report. She stated that the fines and forfeitures for the police department do not match the reports that they get. Chief Davis then explained that the tickets that have been written have not been collected yet and that is why these numbers do not match up. Councilmember Adams stated she would like to know the gross we collect on a report and how much of the money we actually get. Chief Davis stated that as of July 1, 2012 that a lot of the fine amounts have increased according to the new laws. Councilmember Adams then stated she would like to know what all comes out of the fines collected i.e. deductions, payroll, gas and she would like to know what we actually put in the bank. Chief Davis stated he would give Mayor and Council the break-down. City Manager Sumner stated that on page 15 and page 16 of report the expenses are broken down by line item. Councilmember Clendenin stated he would like to know what the net profit of the fund would be. Councilmember Adams stated she would go by City Hall and review. Councilmember Benjamin stated that the state has added on to fines to get the total dollar. Chief Davis stated these amounts are backed out of base fine amount and that yes there are certain mandates on fines.

DISCUSSIONS:

SALARY STUDY (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the 2007-2008 classification survey from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government statewide survey was not available. He stated that for the third consecutive year the Audit showed that the City is in a better situation. He stated the study was updated in January and that a copy of the classification plan and plan spread sheet are in Council packets. City Manager

Sumner referred back to the conference call with Mr. Knowles (Carl Vinson Institute of Government) regarding the salaries and that it is the recommendation of staff to implement the study. Councilmember Clendenin then asked if we have any money in reserves. The Mayor stated that we were waiting on the audit and study to move forward. Sumner stated he would provide Mayor and Council with information regarding where and how much money to put into non-liquid state. He stated he would check into CD's and that the auditors told him about Georgia One Investment which safe and good rate of return. Councilmember Adams then stated she would not be able to attend the meeting on Thursday night.

#### LMIG SFY13 (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that he would like to update the list of roads for paving and prioritize them. It was then stated that East Lawson Street from Church Street to North College Street would be number one.

#### RAILROAD PROPERTY APPRAISAL (CITY MANAGER)

Sumner stated that the original appraisal cited the estimated value of the property at \$200,000. The heirs have requested that a new appraisal be commissioned. Freddie Bajalia, who has conducted appraisals for the City before, has indicated that the comps of the prior appraisal were inferior and are now outdated. He indicated that a new appraisal could substantially increase the amount, thereby increasing the potential tax benefit to the heirs. The cost of the appraisal is anticipated to be \$1500. Sumner then stated that Trey Odum stated he would like to see it appraised again.

#### TAP FEES (MAYOR)

The Mayor stated he would like to discuss the cost of the tap fees and he then asked if we would want to go back up on the fees or stay the same. Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin stated that would like to see the tap fees raised back up to \$5,000 and do not want them to go lower. Councilmember Clendenin stated he would like to see it raised back up to take the burden off the taxpayers.

#### SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that a copy of the SPLOST VII timeline is in their packet. He stated that if passed that SPLOST VII would provide a higher percentage for the City of Hahira. He stated the referendum would be on voting ballot this month and he feels it will be difficult since it is on the general election ballot. Sumner thought it would be a good idea to start reviewing the SPLOST VI list and adding new items for SPLOST VII such as improvements to the City Hall/Park and Recreations buildings.

#### USDA GRANT (MAYOR BULLARD)

The Mayor stated that he was contacted by Jerome Tucker who was contacted by the 4-H of Lowdes County; they are looking for a small rural area to help with USDA Grant to purchase a bus to be used by the 4-H of Lowdes County. He stated it was at no risk to the City of Hahira and that this would help 4-H of Lowdes County. Councilmember Adams brought up that this a lot of work for the City of Hahira and the Mayor stated that somebody has to do the work. It was then suggested that Jerome Tucker needs to be invited to come in and explain in detail to the Mayor and Council before putting on the agenda for vote.

**SET JULY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

-Tap fees

-SPLOST VII

-USDA GRANT

**SET JULY CONSENT AGENDA:**

-LMIG SFY13

-RAILROAD PROPERTY APPRAISAL

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.**

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**Mayor Wayne Bullard**

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**Lisa Mashburn, City Clerk**