

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2013

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor Wayne Bullard met for a Council meeting April 4, 2013 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard residing.

PRESENT: Councils: Ralph Clendenin, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Cain, Terry Benjamin, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn. Chief Terry Davis and Public Works Director Donnie Warren were not present at meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wayne Bullard

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Wayne Bullard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Wayne Bullard

INVOCATION: Councilmember Terry Benjamin

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

- A.) **March 4, 2013 Work Session**
- B.) **March 7, 2013 Council M meeting**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes. Councilmember Adams stated no corrections noted that they seem to be all in order. **Councilmember Benjamin made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections which was seconded by Councilmember Adams.**

Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Wayne Bullard asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Cain made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARING

A.) Insurance Ordinance-First Reading-City Manager

City Manager Sumner stated that as reported by GMA representative that this is an insurance increase that will have no effect on the residents or businesses. He stated that it is due to population increase and based on state allowed amount for municipalities. He stated that if unanimous vote it will be codified in January 2014. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion. None noted. The Mayor then asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted. **A motion to approve the Insurance Ordinance was made by Councilmember Clendenin which was seconded by Councilmember Adams. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LEGAL MATTER

A motion was made by Councilmember Benjamin to enter into Executive session to discuss legal matters which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Adams voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Benjamin to come out of Executive session and sign affidavit which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSIONS:

LAWSON FARM DRAINAGE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that there are several deficiencies noted for Lawson Farms. He stated that it was decided by Mayor and Council to have a moratorium for all water/sewer taps for that area until it can be corrected. **A motion to approve the moratorium for Lawson Farms was made by Councilmember Clendenin which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.**

GOLF CART (COUNCILMEMBER CLENDENIN)

Councilmember Clendenin stated that he spoke with Mr. Peters who has a golf cart with truck bed that he can sell to the City. He stated it had new engine, new tires and is gas powered. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he wanted \$2500.00 for the golf cart but that if we trade two older golf carts in that we can get the newer golf cart for \$2200.00. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he was not sure of the value of the trade-ins but thought that we should get around \$400.00 for them. He stated that the golf cart is not ready but that it would be ready in 1-2 weeks. **A motion was made by Councilmember Clendenin to spend \$2200.00 or less on a golf cart for Downtown Coordinator Stacey Dersheimer to use which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the motion.**

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE (COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS)

Councilmember Adams stated that it is time after two years to appoint or reappoint members to the Ethics committee. She stated she had spoken with Marilyn Dye and Wilmon Stanley and that they agreed to serve another term and that she would like to reappoint them. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he was not able to get in touch with Patrick. It was stated that the appointment of Marilyn Dye comes

from the Council; the appointment of Wilmon Stanley comes from the Mayor and the third slot is from Mayor and Council. **A motion was made to reappoint Marilyn Dye and Wilmon Stanley to the Ethics committee which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Clendenin voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. FIRE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE
- B. FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE-GRANT FUNDS AND SPLOST VI MATCH
- C. LAWSON STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-SPLOST V, VI,LMIG
- D. HOLIDAY COMPENSATION FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEES
- E. HORSESHOE PIT-COMMUNITY CENTER CHANGED TO CITY PARK
- F. HONEYBEE FESTIVAL-SERVICES AND STREET CLOSURES REQUEST

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cain with the change to item E to accept the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams all voted in favor of the consent agenda.

REPORTS:

Councilmember Benjamin thanked all for coming out tonight and for the opportunity to serve. He thanked all the departments for their hard work day in and day out. He asked that we keep him in our prayers because he is battling a bad cold.

Councilmember Clendenin thanked all for coming out and stated that he appreciated their interest. He said he would like to extend his condolences to Public Works Director Donnie Warren who lost his foster sister, she passed away. He stated he felt that we had a good meeting tonight and that he was happy we had no rain or flood issues. He stated that he needed feedback from the Mayor and Council on the streetlight ordinance and input of the City Engineer. He stated that it is a pleasure to work the Council and the Citizens of Hahira.

Councilmember Adams thanked everyone for coming out and thank you to our young citizens the Mayor's daughter for joining us tonight. She welcomed the Valdosta Daily Times reporter and a special thank you to PW Director Donnie Warren for their hard work during the rain and for all the good work they do year around. She also welcomed the City Attorney to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Cain thanked all the citizens for coming out tonight. He thanked Chief Bennett for all his hard work and for working to have the ladder truck here next week for all to look at. Thank you to the citizens of district 2 for the honor of serving. Thank you to the member of council; he appreciates working with you. Thank you to the administrative staff, Jonathan, Paula and Lisa.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thank you to the administrative staff for their hard work. He stated that SPLOST VII is needed for special projects and that he would be happy for anyone to come in and review ledgers for previous SPLOST funds to see how it was spent and hopes we will see it move forward.

Mayor Bullard thanked all the citizens for coming out tonight. He thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and the department heads for their hard work day in and out. He thanked Council for all their hard work and thank you to the City Manager for a good job. He also thanked his daughter Ellie for coming out tonight and thank you to City Attorney Rob for coming tonight.

Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. **Councilmember Adams made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.** There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Wayne Bullard

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn