**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**WORK SESSION**

**MAY 5, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**HAHIRA SQUARE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Square with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding. The meeting was at Hahira Square due to Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Kenneth Davis, Terry Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **MARCH 3, 2020 WORK SESSION**
2. **MARCH 5, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if any corrections or question regarding the minutes. None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the bills. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **FY19 AUDIT NOTIFICATION (WORK SESSION-CITY AUDITOR)**

City Manager Sumner stated that the City Auditor could not be here tonight. The FY19 Audit has begun, they are pulling documents with admin staff with a target date of June Work Session for completion. This letter is standard notification that the Audit has begun and there is a required letter in your packet for review. If you have any questions or need any information the contact information is on the letter for you, just give them a call and they are available to you. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the FY19 Audit. None noted.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

1. **MAIN STREET PROGRAM STATUS REPORT (WORK SESSION-IMSD PRICE)**

IMSD Price gave a review of planned events such as the Farmers Market that will be from May to August this year and it will be held at the old Smith Hospital location while the depot area is under construction. Kelly Barr will do a back to school drive for school supplies like she did last year, it was a big success. We will have Georgia Cities Week and of course the Hahira Honeybee Festival which will have a theme of Community in Community this year. The Main Street program will meet the 2nd Monday of each month and we have pushed Annual retreat to July this year. The HGTV Contest has been put on hold due to COVID-19. City Manager Sumner stated the 4th of July event is pending. We have a third of the Cities that have cancelled with a third moving the event to later date and a third taking the wait and see approach. These are trying times and the Mayor and I do not see it opening up to crowds at this time. This would mean a crowd of at least 6-8,000 people and I do not see it opened back up. IF we had some way to just have fireworks it would mean that we have the new park and no one can come inside that would not be good. We are not sure we can get a permit at this time. Judicial court has been postponed another month. Councilman Davis ask what the reasonable threshold is for fireworks and permits. Fire Chief Bennett said this should be done this week to be sure all ready at the time. Councilman Davis said maybe talk to the person we get them from, can we store them if cannot use at this time. Councilman Barfield ask the shelf life of fireworks. He stated it is gun powder and this is South Georgia. Maybe go ahead and order and use at later date if you can store them. We could ask an experienced person. Councilman Benjamin said maybe they will store for us until we need them. Councilman Barfield said what if we have another place to shoot it from maybe industrial park. Chief Davis stated that Industrial Park area is pad locked. IMS Price stated maybe we could plan another event at a later time. The Mayor stated he would contact the Fireworks guy tomorrow and try to get some answers. He then asked if anyone had any other questions. None noted.

1. **MAIN STREET BOARD BY-LAWS (IMSD PRICE)**

IMSD Price stated that she had sent an email to the City Attorney for additions review of the by-laws, the Main Street Board is close to designation. We will have a retreat in July and vote on the bi-laws to see if any changes to the existing draft and anything that may need to be added. This can be under DDA or non-profit organization, we are under no time crunch. We will have a meeting on Monday. Councilman Davis said postpone it so we can understand what that would look like attaching it to the DDA. City Manager Sumner stated that the Main Street Program would plan events and the DDA would do projects and development, they would work in unison.

1. **NAME FOR CENTRAL SQUARE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that there will be two metal archways over the entrances of the park. The Village Metal Works will construct sign but we need to know what you want it to look like. We need the name and design to get cost. IMSD Price stated she went to Facebook and had a few name suggestions. Hahira Depot, Hahira Square, Parrott Park, Honey Park, Honeybee Park, Talley Park and Central Park. It is a Central gathering place and that may be what we would like to name it around, Hahira Square. Mayor Pro Tem Warrens said when driving through town you want it to have the Hahira in the name as a landmark. Sumner stated there was a suggestion of the Hahira Square with maybe honeybee concept in the design. I will get with The Village Metal works and come up with designs for review next month.

1. **QUOTE FOR CITY HALL REPAIRS (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that City Hall is a grand old building but that it needs some maintenance and upkeep. The storms recently have damaged the exterior of the building and we need soffit and gutter work on the back side. We have a quote from John Bailey to do the repair work and the cost would be $6,800 and it would be paid out of the General fund. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

1. **POLICE VEHICLES-SPLOST VII (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis stated that we need two new police vehicles. We priced them at Brennen of Unadilla which is a place where most buy police vehicles. Ford has stopped doing police vehicles. The cost of two Tahoe’s would be $98,000 and it would be SPLOST VII expense. We can take the cameras from the older cars and use them in the new vehicles. We are getting a lot of repair bills on the two older cars and we really need to have them set aside two new ones for us. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

**SET MAY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

-Name of Central Square

**SET MAY CONSENT AGENDA:**

-City Hall repairs

-Police Vehicles-$98,000-SPLOST VII

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**