**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**MARCH 2, 2021**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**HAHIRA COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT**: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Terry Benjamin, Tony Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and PWD Brandon Rice.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **FEBRUARY 2, 2021 WORK SESSION**
2. **FEBRUARY 4, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **APPLICATION OF JAYLAN POLK ON BEHALF OF FOOD LION, LLC, 775 GEORGIA HWY 122 WEST FOR PACKAGE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND SUNDAY SALES (CHIEF DAVIS)**

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **2021 HONEYBEE FESTIVAL (LANA HALL)**

Lana Hall Honeybee President gave Mayor and Council listing of all events and stated they are all excited. The Festival will be from September 27 to October 2, 2021. We appreciate what the Mayor, Council and department heads do each year to help with the festival. It will almost be the same as before, vendors inside the fence with food trucks outside the fence. They will bring the bleachers in the Tuesday before the event. The Mayor stated we will need to flag all the sprinklers and have our guys there. The parade will be on Saturday and line up on Main Street Ext, we will need to keep Branch Street open.

1. **PREVIEW OF VARIANCE REQUEST BY FFRANKLIN BAILEY ON PETERS STREET SOUTH PROPERTY (FRANKLIN BAILEY)**

Franklin Bailey has a variance request for Peters Street South. He would like redirection on lots 1-5. Lot 6 would be a duplex and Lot 7 & 8 single family homes. The diagrams are presented as a courtesy to Council. Matt Martin stated the Planning Commission cleared the variance requests and they prefer exhibit 2. We have posted signs and sent out letters. This will be on the April agenda and we will have recommendation at the Work Session.

1. **REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF CITY STREET-S. UNION ROAD EXT.**

 **(WILLIAMS INVESTMENTS)**

Williams Investments is starting Master plan for hotel and restaurants. The request is to close the right of way and build a drive to get to the roadway. City Manager Sumner stated we will have to do formal road closure procedure. This will be on the April meeting agenda for Public hearing.

1. **PREVIEW OF REZONING REQUEST FROM JERRY STOKER FOR PROPOSED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ON SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE (MATT PHELPS)**

Mr. Stoker was requesting R-6M south of the Southern entrance to the Hahira Elementary School and presented a concept map to Council for high density development. Council informed him that they are not favor of this.

1. **PREVIEW OF REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPOSED TAX CREDIT APARTMENT PROJECT ON WEST STANFILL STREET (JON MCKNIGHT)**

Mr. McKnight did not attend the meeting and it was removed from the agenda. There was discussion regarding future requests for R-6M housing in the future.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

1. **COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SOFTWARE FOR PD & FD-SPLOST VIII (CHIEF DAVIS)**

Chief Davis stated this was discussed at the Retreat. It is a system to tie all emergency services together. Lt. Kingston stated this system would be good because it would give same information to all for emergencies. It is compatible with all the officers’ computers so everyone would have access. Chief Bennett said they would like to have same system and this is a version of the CAD system they had in 2020. This CAD system is instrumental for all emergency services. The initial fee is $5825 and the annual maintenance fee is $1223. Chief Davis stated that all emergency services have this but us. City Manager Sumner stated the initial fee is SPLOST VIII eligible (Capital expense) and the annual fee would be under each department as computer fees.

1. **CHIEFS SUMMER CONFERENCE**

Chief Davis stated this is annual training and part of the 20 hours needed for certification. The conference in July 18-21. The cost is $405.00 and three nights lodging at $219 per night.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER PEVEY, TAYLOR COUEY, VANN PITTS AND DREW DUREN TO MAIN STREET BOARD (CITY MANAGER)**

The Main Street Board requested application on with due date February 19 and 6 application were received. Staff concurs with the Main Street Board requests. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

1. **GRINDER-SPLOST VIII (PWD RICE)**

The Public works department needs a grinder to smooth bumps in the roads and sidewalks. I called 4 places and received 2 quotes. Sunbelt price was $5805 and the other is $6644 and they are both gas powered. City Manager Sumner asked PWD Rice which he recommended and he stated they are both the same and he would go with Sunbelt which is the cheapest one.

1. **FLOW WATER METERS-SPLOST VIII (PWD RICE)**

PWD Rice stated the two oldest wells need flow water meters to get accurate readings. I reached out to Lanier and Preferred. Lanier did not respond and Preferred came back for 6 inch $3533 and 8 at $3949. Neptune flow meters would be around $15,550. I think it would be good to go with Preferred for a savings.

1. **RECERTIFICATION TRAINING FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR LICENSE (PWD RICE)**

PWD Rice stated I need 24 hours training for certification. We did not have conference last year. I can attend class next week and get 12 hours. The class is $370.00 and not lodging is needed because it is in Waycross.

1. **GEORGIA RURAL WATER SPRING CONFERENCE (PWD RICE)**

Spring Conference will be in April and I can get the additional 12 hours needed. The will only cost gas for conference. I was appointed to the Board so Conference fees, lodging are all free. This is a savings of about $1,000. I will have to pay for food.

City Manager Sumner stated he would again like say congratulations to PWD Rice for serving on the board.

1. **SQUARE LAWN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (PWD RICE)**

This is regarding estimates for the depot lawn maintenance. David Stump quoted $3000 for 6 times per year.

TWD Turf quoted $2400 for 8 times per year.

Grassroots quoted 6 times per year at $525 each. PWD Rice recommended TWD Turf which is the low bidder.

1. **FIREPROOF CABINET FILE-SPLOST VIII (CITY MANAGER)**

Sumner stated the Finance director has requested a fireproof cabinet to be in compliance with security regulations for the personnel files. She talked to Debra Martin at Lee Office equipment and the discounted cost is $3150. I recommend approval of this fireproof cabinet.

1. **GEORGIA CITY-COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated last year the conferences were cancelled. I would like to attend the Conference in May. The cost of registration is $500 and lodging $750.

**SET MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

All moved to consent agenda

**SET MARCH CONSENT AGENDA:**

**-**Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software for PD & FD

-Police Chiefs Summer Conference

-Appointment of Jennifer Pevey, Taylor Couey, Vann Pitts and Drew Duren to Main Street Board

-Grinder

-Flow Water Meters

-Recertification training for Water and Wastewater Operator License

-Georgia Rural Water Spring Conference

-Square Lawn Maintenance Agreement

-Fireproof Cabinet File

-Georgia City-County Management Association Spring Conference

-2021 Honeybee Festival

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**