

CITY OF HAHIRA

APRIL 2, 2024

WORK SESSION

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on April 2, 2024 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klayton Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, PWD Willie Jones, Fire Chief David Thompson, Interim Police Chief Yolanda Hall and MSD Jennifer Price. Attorney Rob Plumb was present.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JANUARY 30, 2024 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 1, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. MARCH 5, 2024 WORK SESSION**
- D. MARCH 7, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. HA-2024-04 SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR NAIL SALON IN KINGS COURT OFFICE COMPLEX BY DAVID DELOACH (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

Matt Martin P & Z Administrator stated as discussed at previous meeting this is request from David Deloach wanting SE approval for multiple (up to 4) personal service shops at 505 N Church Street, (Kings Court). The property is within a conditional R-P zoning district. We had no response from the public and 2 conditions attached. The Planning Commission action was 9-0 vote with same conditions as recommended by staff. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

B. HOTEL MOTEL TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- FIRST READING (CITY ATTORNEY)

Attorney Rob Plumb stated this is housekeeping with discrepancy in the current Ordinance. There

is not a lot of change but can affect future development. Does anyone have any questions?
None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. APPOINTMENTS TO HAHIRA HOUSING AUTHORITY (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated we have 2 vacancies and Council asked for additional time for this volunteer position. Councilman Lindsey said he would like to recommend Doug Robinson and Mayor Pro Tem White said she should have additional name on Thursday night.

B. SPEED BUMPS-LAWSON FARMS, MULBERRY PLACE (COUNCILMAN LINDSEY, COUNCILMAN LUKE)

Councilman Luke stated he has been approached about putting speed bumps at Lawson Farm. People going to Hagenbridge are cutting through that area and they have a lot of

children playing near road in that area. We want to avoid a child getting hit by a car. I think we should paint the stop bars and put-up speed bumps. Does anyone have any suggestions? City Manager Sumner stated we will have to adopt a formal policy; Valdosta has a good policy in place. They will need to talk to neighbors and collect signatures and it would be an expenditure of the City. We have no cost estimates at this point. Councilman Lindsey said they have called him regarding speeding cars all day on Bryson Circle. I think speed bumps would help in that area also. Maybe we could put up new STOP signs and Children at play signs to help. Mayor Cain said I do not think they will pay attention to the signs; I think we should look at the cost speed bumps. I suggest reviewing the speed bump policy and postponing it to May meeting.

C. STOP BARS (COUNCILMAN LINDSEY, COUNCILMAN LUKE)

Councilman Luke said I think we should re-do the stop bars. City Manager Sumner stated the cost of DOT grade would be \$60.00 each with \$2750 for

service. I think we should get a list of where you would like them and set a cap on spending for STOP bars.

D. WATERS EDGE DRAINAGE (COUNCILMAN LINDSEY)

Councilman Lindsey stated he had calls about Waters Edge Subdivision and the private property owners regarding water concerns on the roadway. PWD Jones stated the beavers are messing up the dam. They need to have someone come in and trap and locate the beavers. Once the dam is cleaned out then the culvert will be dry.

Councilman Barfield said he had a name and number for someone that will trap and relocate, Doug Hall. You just must stay on top of it.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST:

A. 3RD ANNUAL BLUE JEAN BALL-MOTHER/SON DANCE-MAY 10TH-\$1,500 (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price said this is request for music and food for the 3rd Annual Dance. The cost will be \$1,500.

B. CERTIFIED MAIN STREET PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM-\$3,500 (MSD PRICE)

This is required 30-hour program and is the next step for Downton professional development. It is 14 classes spread out over months. The cost of classes is \$3,500.

**C. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS-JUNE 29-\$15,000-SOUTHERN SKY
FIREWORKS (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price said it is time again to set up for the Independence Day Celebration. We do have 15-20 minutes of fireworks and they were very good last year. We do get Sponsors and vendors that help pay for the cost of the fireworks each year.

**D. HAHIRA SQUARE MARQUEE REPAIR-
STEWART SIGNS-\$1,496 (MSD PRICE)**

MSD Price stated that the Hahira Square Marquee was damaged during the Hurricane. The repair would be \$1,496 from Stewart Signs. This will be turned into FEMA for reimbursement.

**E. POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL ANTENNA-
MCLAGGAN-\$2,430-SPLOST VIII (INTERIM
CHIEF HALL)**

Interim Chief Hall stated that since moving to the new building in 2017 the portable radios do not

have reception in the building. The cost to build equipment would be \$2,430.

F. WELL #2 AND WELL #3 UPGRADES-SPLOST VIII-\$13,000 (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones said we have a need for upgrades and repairs at both wells. We need to replace flow meter because this is what we use to report to the state. We have to age them out.

G. TRAFFIC CONES-TRAFFIC SIGN CORPORATION-\$1,669-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones stated we need to replace our old traffic cones. We found a good one that is reflective cone that is 28 inches and weighs about 10 pounds. The price is very good. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

H. RADIO UPGRADES-FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Sumner stated this is added item. Chief Thompson is has requested this for the Fire department and Police department and is for

Motorola updates to the system. The Police department has 6 radios and the Fire department has 8 radios with 3 radios to replace. The total cost would be 23,131 and can be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

-SET COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

-SET CONSENT AGENDA

The meeting was Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN