**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**OCTOBER 30, 2023**

**WORK SESSION**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on October 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT**: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Louise White, Kenneth Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Willie Jones and MSD Jennifer Price present. Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson were not present.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **OCTOBER 3, 2023 WORK SESSION**
2. **OCTOBER 5, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **FY24 BUDGET FINAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is the end of the budget season and explained the budget process. The budget has been advertised in the Valdosta Times as required. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. We will have the final public hearing on Thursday night and have final adoption at that time.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1. **2024 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT-JANUARY 25-29, 2024 (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated the 2024 Cities United Summit is January 25-29 in Atlanta. The registration packets will be released later this month. We will need a count of who would like to attend. Councilmember White and City Manager Sumner plan to attend. The cost is about $850 registration each with nightly cost of rooms at $185.00 per night.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

1. **CLERKS WINTER CONFERENCE (CITY CLERK)**

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn would like to attend the Clerks Winter Conference February 4-6, 2024 at Jekyll Island. The cost of training is $325 and approximately $150.00 per night for room.

1. **AERATORS-AERATOR SOLUTIONS-$20,930-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

Public Works Jones would like to purchase two aerators to replace failing aerators that are need in the wastewater treatment lagoon. We currently have 13 to process wastewater. We usually replace the ones that go down with spare but we do not have any other old ones to use. This is for 2 different sizes to have on hand for back up. They were all replaced 7 years ago. The new ones do not last like the old ones did. I think we can wait to add in more new ones with the GEFA loan for water treatment plant.

1. **AUTOMATIC HYDRANT FLUSHERS-POLLARDWATER-$12,704-SPLOST VIII**

PWD Jones stated these are needed for dead in lines or places where water does not move and this will keep it flowing at 65 gallons per minute and help with all the flushing we have to do. It will prevent the rotten egg smell in those areas. We would like 6 for different areas of town and they came in $600.00 each under the expected price with free shipping. We will get a discount for Georgia Rural Water membership and save $3600.

1. **WATER PILOT PROJECT-CEREFILTEE-$10,000-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

The briefcase test on Well#3 for a filter solution has shown promise. We are still getting information and would like to table until next month meeting. We should have more information at that time.

1. **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT #1-HIGHWAY 122 WEST SIDEWALK PROJECT-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT-TASK ORDER #3-$66,133-TSPLOST (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manger Sumner stated we started the TAP program in 2019 and now we are ready for full design to be commissioned for this project. IT will bid out in Spring of 2025. The City part of the Tap program for this stated is $66,133 and is to be paid out of T-SPLOST.

1. **HOLIDAY AGENDA DEADLINE AND PACKET DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager stated the agenda deadline for the December meeting will proceed as usual but the deadline for the January meeting is December 19th with distribution on December 22nd. The January meetings will be January 2nd and 4th.

1. **2024 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner reviewed the Meeting and Holiday schedule and said a copy is in your packet.

1. **2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DEEMBER 12 (CITY MANAGER)**

The City Christmas party will be December 12th at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the Depot. We will also have a Thanksgiving lunch at the Depot on November 17th at noon. The Thanksgiving lunch is provided by Rajesh Chavadas wife Jema of Discount Corner. She called and said that is what Raj would have wanted and she would like to carry on the tradition.

1. **FY24 RETREAT-FEBRUARY 2 (CITY MANAGER)**

The Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 2nd from 9-4 at the Depot.

1. **LAPTOP-VIRTUAL WORLD-$1,785-SPLOST VIII (CITY MANAGER)**

The City Managers laptop is 5 years old and scheduled for replacement. The cost will be $1,785.

1. **FY23 CHRISTMAS BONUSES AND EXCESS SICK LEAVE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated every year we try to do something for the employees at Thanksgiving for Christmas. The amounts have been emailed to you. The employees really appreciate this every year.

SET NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA:

All items moved to the Consent agenda. Water Pilot Program tabled to next month meeting.

**SET NOVEMBER CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**