

**Council Meeting
January 8, 1998**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councilmen Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Councilwoman Beverly Martin; City Manager, Scott Purvis; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue; City Attorney, Willie Linahan; City Judge, David Sandbach.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams gave the invocation. Visitors were welcomed.

Judge David Sandbach swore in Mayor John Adams, Councilman Bob Harris and Councilwoman Beverly Martin.

A quorum of council was established.

Mayor Adams reappointed Scott Purvis, City Manager, John Thursby, Public Utilities Director, J. C. Plair, Fire Chief, Woodrow W. Blue, Police Chief, with consent of Council.

Council Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of December 4, 1997 and December 22, 1997, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bruce Day of the Planning Commission reported on a rezoning and annexation request from property owners Stanley Reaves, 904 Lemaka Dr, Mary Baker, 945 E Main St and Mike Jones, 955 E Main St. The Planning Commission recommended approval of their request. Mayor Adams asked for those who were in favor of the annexation to speak. Mr. Stanley Reaves, Ms. Mary Baker and Mr. Mike Jones spoke in favor of annexation. There was no opposition. Council Williams made a motion to rezone and annex the property, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

END 7.44 p.m.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business: Mr. Ken Garren of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority, reported on the Hahira Business Park and the need for an access road into the business park. The D.O.T. will pay 50% of the cost for an access road into the business park if the County will pay 50%. Mr. Charlie Clark, County Engineer, briefed Council on the process.

City Manager reported on a sewer line extension on Hwy 122 which would be 1600 ft. from the Health Department to the Citgo Station at a cost of \$72,922.00. He recommended approval of the sewer line. Mayor Adams also recommended approval. Council Harris made a motion to proceed with this project, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager, Scott Purvis, reported that the city had recently contracted with the Department of Corrections for a prison crew and the city would be in need of transportation for these prisoners. The County will lease a bus for \$1.00 for six months. He recommended signing the Vehicle Lease Agreement with the County. Council Williams made a motion to lease the bus for six months, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Adams reported on recommendations to various Boards and Committees. Some of these will be re-appointed. He named all of the people who are serving on the boards and committees and the new committee members. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager recommended approval for Police Chief Woodrow Blue to attend the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Training Conference. Registration is \$150.00 and there will be a two night stay. Council Harris made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Adams commended the Police Department.

Council Harris thanked everyone for their support. He also welcomed three new families who have recently moved in District 4.

Council Griffin said he appreciated the cooperation of citizens and wanted to make 1998 a better year.

Council Williams stated that he had enjoyed this year. He welcomed Beverly Martin as the new Councilmember.

Council Martin thanked District 1 for their support and stated that she was looking for a good year.

City Manager had no report.

Mayor Adams re-appointed City Attorney, Willie Linahan. He also recommended a raise for City Manager. Council Griffin made a motion to approve as specified, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M..

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City