

Council Meeting
June 3, 1999

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, June 3, 1999, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor John Adams presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Beverly Martin; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue.

ABSENT: City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

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

Mayor Adams gave the invocation. Visitors were welcomed and a quorum was established.

Mayor Adams requested a motion to approve the May Council Meeting Minutes.

Council Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 1999, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams requested a motion to approve payment of the cities May bills.

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

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

(A) Request from Mr. Owen Miller to purchase city owned lot: Mr. Miller requested to purchase city owned property which adjoins his property for a cost of \$300.00. It is a strip of land that Mr. Miller has been taking care of for some time. Council Griffin made a motion to grant Mr. Miller's request to purchase the property, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Adoption of Procedural Ordinance for Telecommunications Services: Mayor Adams explained the ordinance. Council Harris made a motion to adopt the Telecommunications ordinance as written, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Adoption of policy regarding approval of non-emergency capital purchases: Mayor Adams recommended that the Council have a 30-day period to consider the purchase of all non-emergency capital purchases before voting. Council Williams made a motion to adopt the policy, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Approval of amendments to the bylaws of the Georgia Municipal Association: Mayor Adams reported on the amendments. Council Griffin made a motion to give authority to approve of the amendment of the GMA, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Approval to update the City's Code of Ordinances by Municipal Code Corporation: Mayor Adams reported that the City's codes have not been updated since 1985. The cost for MCC to update the code book would be around \$10,000.00, which is not in this year's budget but should be included for next year. Council Williams made a motion to proceed with the update, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Discussion of contract with Lowndes State Prison: Mayor Adams reported on the contract, which expires June 30, 1999. The Public Utilities Director and City Manager both have recommended not to renew the contract. Council Martin made a motion not to renew the contract with the Lowndes State Prison, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Police Department purchase request: Chief Blue reported that the arrangement with Morven Police Department to trade a used police vehicle for a wrecked vehicle with a good engine was not successful. (Refer to May Minutes) He requested approval to purchase a used engine from G. M. Salvage. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Personnel Evaluation Forms: Mayor Adams reported on the need for employee evaluation forms and presented one to the Council and requested they adoption the form. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the personnel evaluation forms and make any necessary changes on the current forms that we have that may coincide with our operations, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Resolution honoring Gene Webb: Mayor Adams read the resolution and stated Friday, June 4, 1999 as "Gene Webb Day" in Hahira. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Council Reports:

Councils Martin, Williams and Harris had no reports.

Council Griffin reported that he hoped the city would start planting the trees toward I-75 in the next few days. (Refer to previous minutes concerning issue)

Mayor Adams reported on junk cars and off-street parking and asked City Manager to proceed with letters. He reported on improvements to enforcement of business licenses and Occupational Taxes ordinances.

Mayor Adams stated his concerns with the way the city looked. He asked everyone to help keep it clean. He also stated that the city maybe should consider contracting with a landscaping company to keep the flower beds around the city clean.

City Manager, Susan Doner, reported that the Consent Order from the Department of Natural Resources required identifying places where ground water can infiltrate into the sewer system. Some have been repaired. Letters will have to be sent to property owners for their permission to go on their property to fix the leaks. She asked Council for the City to absorb the cost. Council Harris made a motion to give the City Manager authority to proceed, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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