

**Council Meeting
October 7, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, October 7, 1999, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Beverly Martin and Arnold Williams; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; 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.

Councilman Bob Harris gave the invocation.

Mayor Adams welcomed visitors and established that a quorum was present.

Council Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 1999, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

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

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Ouida McKinney

Ms. McKinney expressed her concerns about Webb-Miller Park. At the August 1999 meeting, Council decided to postpone upgrading the park and to proceed with a gazebo at Smith Park. Ms. McKinney stated that the city had promised to build restroom facilities at Webb-Miller Park and she wanted the city to proceed with those plans. After five minutes, Mayor Adams informed her that her time was up and she could continue discussing the issue at City Hall by appointment.

(B) Approval of contribution for new Regional Fire Training Facility:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval for a donation of \$1,000.00 next year toward construction of the new Regional Fire Training Facility, and then to make

annual payments of \$250 thereafter. Council Harris made a motion to make a contribution for new Regional Fire Training Facility, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Changes in HB 489:

Mayor Adams reported on two changes to the HB 489. (1) Assures city employees that they will continue to be city employees and subject to all of the benefits they have obtained with the city. (2) Specifies who is responsible for funding capital improvements to parks. Council Griffin made a motion to give Mayor Adams authorization to sign, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Contract with C & B Mechanical for Industrial Park Utilities:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to sign a contract with C&B Mechanical Contractors, Inc. to extend the City's water and sewer lines to the Hahira Business Park. Council Martin made a motion to give Mayor authorization to sign the contract, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Resolution for contract with DNR for \$15,000 grant for Recreation Center:

Mayor Adams asked Council to approve the resolution and certification for contract with DNR. City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution. Council Williams made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Red Ribbon Week Proclamation:

Mayor Adams read the Proclamation. Red Ribbon Week will be observed October 24 - 31 to promote awareness of the effects of drug and alcohol abuse. Red ribbons will be available at City Hall, and on Friday, October 29, a program will be presented in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Valdosta.

(G) Domestic Violence Proclamation:

Mayor Adams read the proclamation, which proclaims the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urged all citizens to participate in the scheduled events and programs and to work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against all people.

(H) Cities of Excellence application:

Mayor Adams stated that the City would apply for the GMA for Cities of Excellence. The application is due by October 13.

(I) Public Works request - emergency repair/purchase:

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported on replacing a pump that had quit working. Cost to replace the pump would be \$3,144 from Davis EMU, with delivery in two weeks. He recommended purchasing the pump. Council Williams made a motion to buy the pump, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

(J) New signs for entrance to city:

Mayor Adams reported that two entrance signs were in bad condition and needed to be replaced. Day Signs' cost to do the signs would be \$1,590 each. He recommended replacing the two signs. Council Griffin made a motion to replace the two signs, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(K) Resolution to add Freeport exemption referendum to ballot:

Mayor Adams stated that the city needed to put a Freeport exemption referendum on the ballot for the November 2nd election. City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution. Council Williams made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council reports:

Council Martin thanked the city and the people who prayed for her and brought her food during her recent surgery. She also extended birthday greetings to Ms. Mamie Sorrell, who was present at the meeting.

Council Williams welcomed Council Martin back.

Council Griffin reported that several city employees had an excess of annual leave accumulated. The annual leave should be taken within the fiscal year. Excess leave will have to be authorized by City Manager. If person retiring has excess time, it will be dropped. Those presently with excess annual leave will be honored. This was put in a motion, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager, Doner, read a letter from the national Honey Bee Queen thanking the city and Mayor and Mrs Adams for their hospitality. She also read a letter from Mrs. Adeline Landrum, on behalf of the Honey Bee Committee, thanking the city staff and officials for their assistance during the Honey Bee Festival.

Mayor Adams reported that the city would participate in Mayors Day Motorcade on Wednesday, December 8th in Thomasville.

Oct 14th is the 52nd anniversary of the Air Force.

The Budget Public Hearing will be on Oct 28th.

Tax Digest will be done tomorrow. It is hopeful the city millage will remain at 6 mills.

Moody Appreciation Day will be Oct 30th and 31st.

GMA Fall District Meeting will be in Adel on Nov 17th at 12:00 noon.

Council Griffin thanked the Honey Bee Festival Committee for selecting him as senior citizen of the year.

Council Harris asked everyone to go to Moody Air Force Base for Appreciation Day.

Mayor Adams stated that Crystal Carter thanked the city for their support in the Teen Explosion.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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