

Council Meeting

January 6, 2000

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Jesse Griffin, Bob Harris, and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; 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 and welcomed visitors.

City Attorney, Willie Linahan swore in Joel Hunnicutt as Councilman.

Mayor Adams stated that a quorum of Council was established.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 1999, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

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

Old Business:

(A) Capital Purchases

Mayor Adams asked Council to approve the purchase of a laptop computer, screen, stand, and bags to carry the equipment, which would cost \$9,600.00. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the equipment as described, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, asked Council to approve the purchase of a metal building to be built on S Hall Street at location of Public Works Department. The building would be used for all departments. Cost would be \$13,550.00 from Steel Building Construction. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to purchase software programs for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,179.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

(A) MLK Jr. Day Proclamation

Mayor Adams read the Proclamation declaring Monday, January 17th as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Hahira.

(B) Department Requests

Mayor Adams asked for approval to send Police Chief, Blue, to the Winter Conference this weekend at a cost of \$500.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Mayor Adams read a letter from Senator Tim Golden asking the Council to participate in an award dinner honoring James Beck, which will be on Friday, February 4, 2000 at the new Valdosta-Lowndes Convention Center, with Governor Roy Barnes as featured speaker. Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to purchase ten seats, which would be for the Mayor/Council and their wives. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the ten seats, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

(D)

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, asked for Council's approval to cover a ditch located between E Stanfill and E Lawson, which is a health hazard. The estimated cost would be \$6,865.00. Council Harris made a motion to do the project as described, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Council Assignments:

Mayor Adams reported on Council Assignments.

Council Harris - Water/Sewer/Sanitation

Council Griffin - Culture/Recreation

Council Hunnicutt - Police/Fire Departments

Mayor Adams - Administration Department

Mayor Adams stated he wanted to wait and elect a Mayor Pro-Tem later when there is a full Council.

(F) Mayor Adams reported that the City had applied for a grant on sidewalk repairs and streetlights on Main Street and Smith Park, but the grant was denied. He

requested proposals to do the project one block at a time, from Hwy 41 to the railroad. City Engineers are coming soon and will need information for bids, also on the gazebo for Smith Park. Council Griffin made a motion to proceed with the proposal, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Consider S & S Supply Co., Inc. request to put test well on City property

Mayor Adams stated that he received a letter from Epic Engineering requesting approval to drill a test well in the City parking lot. The location requested already has a test well. He asked for Council's approval to write a letter to recommend a new location. Council Griffin made a motion to deny their request and approve letter recommending a new location, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Approve reorder of City of Hahira pins

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to purchase the pins for \$1,200.00. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the pins, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Mayor Adams stated that the annual dinner would be on January 25th. Cost for ten would be \$225.00. He asked all Council members to notify the City Manager if they would be able to attend.

(J) Request for streetlights

Mayor Adams reported on the need for a streetlight in Ruth Reddy's Mobile Home Park. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the streetlight, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Motion was amended by Council Harris, to also install two streetlights on Judy Ann Drive. Vote was unanimous.

(K) Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Inspections and Zoning Services

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to proceed with letter. Council Harris made a motion to send the letter, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Council's Reports:

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Griffin had no report but stated that he hoped the year 2000 would be a very good year for all.

Council Harris welcomed Councilman Joel Hunnicutt. He gave his condolences to the family of former Councilwoman Beverly Martin and stated that she was a sweet and gentle person and that he would miss her. He also stated that he looked forward to serving in the new year.

City Manager, Susan Doner, also welcomed Councilman Joel Hunnicutt.

Mayor Adams reported on changing the Council Meeting dates in Feb., Mar., June, Aug., and Nov. to the second Thursday and to advertise the changes. City Attorney, Willie Linahan stated that there would be no problem. Council Griffin made a motion to proceed, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams read a resolution honoring Councilwoman Beverly Martin, which will be posted to the Hahira Web Site.

Mayor Adams also read another resolution honoring Councilwoman Beverly Martin, which was read at her funeral. He stated that he and all who knew her would certainly miss her.

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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