

Council Meeting
June 8, 2000

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday; June 8, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, Sonny Copeland and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow Blue; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

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 of council was established.

Council Harris made a motion to accept the minutes of May 4, 2000, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for Council's comments on the bills. There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE: Mr. Brian McDougal of the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reported on the proposed text amendment which would add provisions to Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance which would address the case of "lots with multiple frontage" and "visibility at intersections". The Planning Commission reviewed this and found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommended approval.

Mayor Adams asked for citizens who wanted to speak in favor of the amendment. Ms. Ouida McKinney, 210 Branch Street, stated that she was in favor of the amendment.

Mayor Adams asked for citizens who wanted to speak in opposition of the amendment. There were none.

Council Copeland made a motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance and add provisions to Section 3 of the which would address "lots with multiple frontage" and "visibility at intersections", seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

APPLICATION FOR CDBG GRANT: Mayor Adams reported that a previous grant application was not approved, but the City would re-apply for another grant. This would be for the area from Railroad Street west to Union Road, from Park Street to Grace Street. Work planned would include drainage improvements, resurfacing and curb and gutter on Park Street, sidewalk addition on Park Street in front of the Housing Project, drainage improvements.

Mayor Adams asked for citizens who wanted to speak in favor of the grant. Ms. Ouida McKinney, 210 Branch Street, spoke in favor of the grant. Mr. Wilmon Stanley, 308 Washington Street, also spoke in favor of the grant.

END

Old Business:

Use of Community Center for karate classes: City Manager, Susan Doner, reported that Chief Blue had done a background investigation on the karate instructor and he was approved. The city would be responsible if any children were hurt. Due to insurance problems, she recommended not to have the karate classes.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Consulting & Engineering Services for CDBG Grant:

Mayor Adams reported that the city is required to have consultants to work on the CDBG grants. City Manager, Susan Doner, recommended awarding the contract to Bob Roberson and Associates, Inc. and Stephenson and Palmer Engineering Co. Council Harris made a motion to award the contract to Bob Roberson and Associates and Stephenson and Palmer, as recommended by City Manager, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Department Requests:

Fire Chief, Plair, reported that due to the upcoming 911 changeover in July, he requested the city purchase 10 radios, 3 pagers and 1 base station, which would be used for the Fire and Police Departments. Cost would be \$9,495.00. Cost would be split between the two departments. Council Bullard made a motion to purchase the equipment seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, asked for Council's approval to install a shelter (18X21) where the old bathhouses were located, 2 picnic tables, and a trash

receptacle. Approximate cost would be \$2,769.00. Mayor Adams recommended approval, but with the possibility of a change in Item 1. He will get further prices on the shelter. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, recommended purchasing 2 tables, 2 grills, 2 waste cans, building, pvc, and shavings for Webb-Miller Park. Cost would be \$4,897.80. Council Copeland made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported on a water conservation program for the city. He recommended putting a notice in the Valdosta Daily Times and on the city's bulletin board. Council Harris made a motion to put this into affect, beginning tomorrow, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported that the city needed to establish guidelines on the installation of irrigation meters. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Police Chief, Woodrow Blue, asked for Council's approval to go to summer conference training in Savannah at a cost of \$700.00. Council Copeland made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Set date for sale of surplus equipment:

Mayor Adams stated that the date for the surplus equipment sale needed to be set. After discussion, Council decided on October 21st. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

.(D) Resolution to complete credit application for BP gasoline:

City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Change order for Community Center:

Mayor Adams reported on the change order. Costs are: \$750.00 for a handicap ramp, \$100.00 to brick up one door and \$250.00 to cut out and install another door opening. Mayor Adams recommended approval. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Agreement with engineering firm for water system improvements:

Mayor Adams reported on the water system improvements. Council Harris made a motion to give the Mayor authorization to enter into the agreement seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Execution of letter of agreement with Epic Engineering, Inc. regarding monitoring well installation & sampling:

Mayor Adams reported that Epic Engineering had agreed to pay 1/2 of the cost for the well. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Amendment to the SPLOST agreement between Lowndes County and municipalities:

Mayor Adams recommended not entering into agreement. Council Bullard made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Agreement for administrative services with RDC for CHIP grant:

Council Bullard made a motion to authorize Mayor to enter into the agreement seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Request to purchase gazebo for Smith Park:

Mayor Adams recommended a 10'X12' stained gazebo with a double roof, at a cost of \$3,400.00. Council Bullard made a motion to purchase the gazebo, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(K) Replace city entrance sign:

Mayor Adams recommended replacing the sign. Council Harris made a motion to replace the sign, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to offer a reward of \$500.00 seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Reports:

Council Copeland stated he would like to see city vehicles with decals on them. Mayor Adams agreed that it was a good idea. He stated he is working on an official city seal and would present it to council for consideration.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard stated he liked seeing progress on the parks in the city.

Council Harris had no report.

City Manager, Susan Doner, reported that a political forum would be held on June 29th at 7PM at the school auditorium. She also asked citizens to conserve water.

Mayor Adams reported on e-mail from Emily (Betty Scruggs daughter) thanking the city for the resolution on her mother.

Mayor Adams reported on a meeting with Lowndes County, City of Valdosta and other municipality officials concerning a proposed Regional Water, Sewer and Watershed Authority. He recommended the city decline to participate at his time.

A meeting is scheduled on June 15th in on the STIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) in Tifton.

The \$110,000 funding designated by the LBOC for development of a recreational complex in the Hahira Business Park was reallocated to paving of the entrance road into the new recreational facility. After discussions with the LBOC, a correction has been made.

A fund-raiser bar b que by the Hahira United Methodist men will be held on July 22nd. All proceeds will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club for development of the Hahira recreational facility. The council will be asked to proclaim that day "Sonny Rogers" day in Hahira.

Mayor Adams, City Manager, Susan Doner, Public Utilities Director, John Thursby and Councilman Harris inspected the old Hahira high school building recently with Mr. Lee Corbitt from the Lowndes County Board of Education concerning the possible lease of the building to the city when no longer needed by the LCBOE. Mayor Adams stated the cost to restore the building would be considerable and he had appointed Mr. D.K. Hollis to chair a steering committee to study the feasibility of restoration, use and funding of the building.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to go into executive session. Council Harris made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Council Copeland.

Council Meeting ended at 9:15 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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