

**Council Meeting
June 6, 2002**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Bonnie Tindall, Better Hometown Program Director; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mayor Crowe called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Councilman Hunnicutt. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the May 2, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Bullard made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber Report - Bubba Campbell/Myrna Ballard

Myrna Ballard, President of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, gave a progress report on the Chamber of Commerce from January 1997 - June 6, 2002. Some of the "Highlights for 2001" were: Completed the seventh annual Business Retention and Expansion Program, Made "Drugs Don't Work" a regional program, Coordinated South Georgia's Business EXPO 2001 at the Conference Center, initiated the regional Triple Crown Hometowns economic development program, increased Chamber membership, and many other programs.

Mayor Crowe stated that he appreciated everything that the Chamber has done.

PUBLIC HEARING

(A) HA-2002-04 Consider Amendment to Approve Overlay District - Dr. Ben Moyer - E. Stanfill St.

Ms. Sherry Davidson, Current Planner, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, reported that Ben Moyer is requesting an amendment to the Planned Development Overlay District (Audubon Heights subdivision) that was approved April 5, 2001. The subject property contains 35.17 acres and was approved for a mixed residential development consisting of site-built single-family and multi-family housing. Subject property is located on the north side of East Stanfill Street and the east side of North Church Street. The applicant is proposing to amend the minimum setback requirements on many of the single-family lots in the Audubon Heights Subdivision, also minor changes to the overall design which includes additional green space and a reduction in the number of lots from 101 to 98. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the request to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those against the request to speak. There was no response.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

(B) HA-2002-03 Consider Variance to Side Yard Setback Requirements - Bernie Brigman - 209 N. Lowndes

St.

Ms. Sherry Davidson reported that Brigman & Brigman Cabinets, Inc., is requesting a variance to the front yard setback requirement in a Light Manufacturing (M-1) zoning district. The property is located on the NW corner of the intersection of N.

Lowndes St. and W. Lawson St. The applicant is proposing to reconstruct a 30'X50' building on the property. Side yard setback requirements from the centerline of the street right-of-way shall be equal to 80% of that required of a front yard setback for that district. Applicant would need a 4 foot variance from Lawson Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the request to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those against the request to speak. There was no response.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

C. Consider Beer & Wine License Request - Rajesh B. Chavada, Discount Corner Convenience Store

Mayor Crowe reported on the request for a beer/wine license. The Police investigation report was O.K. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

D. Consider Beer & Wine License Request - Ahmed M. Choudhry - Citgo-Stuckey Convenience Store

Mayor Crowe reported that the request had gone through the same procedure as the above and the police report was good. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

End

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consent Agenda

- a. Georgia Assoc. of Police Chiefs' Summer Training Conference - July

Chief Terry Davis reported that Police Chiefs are required to have 20 hours training each year. This year's training conference will be from July 20 through July 25th. This is a budgeted item.

- b. Ordinance for Service Connectors

Public Works Director, John Thursby, asked Council to approve an ordinance that every service connection to the potable water system must be metered. This includes all residential, commercial, fire suppression systems, irrigation systems, or any type of water consumption system connected to the potable water system.

- c. Approval of Contractor for I & I Repairs

Public Works Director, Thursby, asked for approval to have water lines photographed for repairs, which is part of a Consent Order from the EPD. This is a mandatory item and has to be reported quarterly.

- d. Irrigation Well request from Rodney Radcliff at 812 Lemaka Drive

Public Works Director, Thursby, recommended approval of the irrigation well.

- e. Resolution for Change of Signatures at Citizens Community Bank and Commercial Banking Company

Mayor Crowe reported on the resolution to change signatures.

- f. Revised Guidelines and Fees for Rental of Community Center

Mayor Crowe reported on the revised guidelines and fees.

- g. Approval of SPLOST V Agreement

City Attorney, Willie Linahan, reported on the SPLOST V agreement.

Mayor Crowe asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Benjamin made a motion to approve as stated, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

A. City Manager Position

Mayor Crowe reported that Council had reviewed several applications. He asked for Council's comments and suggestions. Council Bullard made a motion to hire Bonnie Tindall as City Manager, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Councils Nelson, Bullard and Hunnicutt voted yes. Council Benjamin abstained. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

A. Council

Council Benjamin reported on the Teachers Appreciation dinner in which he, the Mayor and other Council members served lunch to all of the teachers who attended. Everyone enjoyed the lunch.

Mayor Crowe asked Bonnie Tindall to read a letter from Dr. Sanchez, principal at Hahira Middle School, Faye Wisenbaker, Counselor, and Karen Hornsby, Media Specialist, thanking them for the teachers luncheon.

Bonnie Tindall also thanked Downhome Pizza, The Sissy Shop Too and the Better Hometown Program for door prizes.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard reported that the city looked better. He thanked John Thursby and his workers.

Council Nelson thanked Sheila Warren for the Outreach Program and the meal. He enjoyed it very much.

Bonnie Tindall reported that Market Days would be on Saturday, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20 from 8 until noon at the red caboose. The 5K run will be on June 8th.

B. Mayor

Mayor Crowe congratulated Bonnie Tindall on her new appointment as City Manager.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn. Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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