

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2016

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting December 1, 2016 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Patrick Warren, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and PWD Donnie Warren.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. NOVEMBER 1, 2016 WORK SESSION**
- B. NOVEMBER 3, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Leliana Futch who is a business owner at 104 Main Street said she was here because she had an incident with the water/sewer at her business and it was horrible. The Public works department came out and worked to solve the problem. She said that they were all sweet, hard workers and they went over and beyond to fix the problem. She said that she was really stressed about it because it interrupted her business but they all worked hard to fix the problem. Hahira should be proud of their employees and people need to know how hard they work, I am proud to have my business in Hahira.

Ralph Clendenin of 202 S. Hagenbridge Road said that he is here because he has a problem with the sidewalks. The original concept had piping along the drains along Hagenbridge Road. The changes made in August the water from the two houses north of me will drain to me. I feel it should be piped with drain at my end of the property. I want the sidewalks but not like this. I have a friend from St. Petersburg who said that either side can be piped. I am a hard nose but fair is fair.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. City Manager Sumner said again that the amendments to the 2016 budget will be included on the January agenda which is an acceptable time frame. It will be for your review again, we have to calculate the amendments and advertise. Both funds are healthy, tap fees had an unexpected surplus and due to the conservation of the Council we are healthy. Please let me know if anyone has any questions. Councilman Warren made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. REPORT ON RECOMMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE MODIFICATIONS (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administrator stated that he is here regarding the language of the zoning code. This is for discussion and there will be no action needed tonight. In January we will review any modifications and then put them on the agenda. He then reviewed the proposed changes needed to the zoning ordinance. The Mayor said we will look over the hand out and let you know if we have any questions. I will need a motion to postpone this to the January meeting. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin to postpone to the January meeting which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barfield had to leave the meeting early.**

B. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF PARCEL 10-TE PROJECT (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Rob Plumb said that he is here tonight because we are down to the last parcel for TE project acquisition. Mr. Clendenin the property owner signed the agreement and then at closing requested modifications. We need the easement for grading purposes that would go underground across the property. He requested piping that is not feasible due to the water/sewer lines and the clean out per the Engineer so we are at an impasse. We have a 10 day appeal process, the compensation is not the issue, if we have no agreement at that point we would proceed with condemnation. The money would then be paid to the court as part of the condemnation, the property would have to be reappraised, and if no agreement we would proceed with condemnation. I would need for the Council to approve the appraisal. Councilman Warren said that this is very important for his district, Mr. Clendenin laid the ground work on this but I must recuse myself because I feel I should not be involved in the decision. City Manager Sumner stated this project started in 2010 by then DOT Jay Shaw and we have a quarter of a million dollars from the DOT. Now all these years later we have all properties acquired but this one. Here we are 7 years later in the final stages and we have delays and we have no extra time. We must stay with the timeline. Mr. Clendenin wants a cross drain in his front yard but we have to go with what the Engineer recommends. The deadline is December 31, 2016, we must do something by then. HE then asked if there were any questions. None noted. **Councilman Barfield said that it is important that we move on this, I make a motion that we proceed with the 10 day appeal, if nothing agreed on then authorize condemnation and appraisal. This was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Barfield,**

Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Warren recused himself.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CITY CLERK'S WINTER CONFERENCE**
- B. MOODY SUPPORT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION**
- C. AUTHORIZATION OF DESIGN FOR DEPOT-SPLOST VII**
- D. RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF SDS**
- E. REQUEST FOR BILLBOARD**

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barfield had to leave the meeting early.

REPORTS:

Councilman Davis said he thinks this was a great year and we had a lot of accomplishments. He said he would like to encourage continued participation for 2017. Thank you for letting me be here and he hopes everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Warren said he appreciates the opportunity to serve. We are coming up on the end of year and it has been tough but we have a lot of great projects for the community. It has been a good year and I have learned a lot and I am just happy to be a part of it all.

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out and to the Citizens of District 1 for the opportunity to serve. It has been a really fast year with a lot of changes and accomplishments. My hat is off to the Mayor, Council and staff for all the accomplishments this year. IT is gratifying. I would like to thank each department for a heck of a year, you guys make Hahira what it is, each department, each employee. Please keep everybody in your prayers, do something kind for somebody else. Jesus is the reason for the season.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. I work with the best staff and it is an honor and privilege. Thank you to the City clerk, finance clerk, Victoria, department heads, Police Department, Public works and Fire department. I appreciate the Mayor and Council and we are moving onward and upward. Merry Christmas to all.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming out tonight and please come back again. I would just like to say that Public works does an excellent job all year, they are always working behind the scenes. The Police department and Fire department all work together. Council voted to put two men on duty 24/7 and in the last two months two buildings were saved here in Hahira due to fast response of fire department. I would like to thank all employees, all the staff of the City of Hahira thank you for job well done. This has been an awesome year and I would like to thank the City Manager and Council for their hard work.

Councilman Warren made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN