

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work session and Council meeting combined May 9, 2017 at the Courthouse with the 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, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Mike Davis

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. APRIL 4, 2017 WORK SESSION**
- B. APRIL 6, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Lisa Friend of 165 Mockingbird in Audubon Heights said as Audubon Height HOA Secretary that she was here regarding the previous discussion regarding the signage in the neighborhood. They decided to leave the signage as it is now. She has discussed it with Chief Davis. Thank you.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. ACTIVITIES REPORT AND REQUESTS (HMA PRESIDENT)**

HMA President Vicki Rountree stated that would like to report on the events for the City. The Easter Festival we spent \$546.00. The Springfest which was the third week of April we had 51 vendors and music and we spent \$1000.00. The next event will be July 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be the Independence Day event. We are doubling the vendors to 50 with 10 of them food vendors. We will have bands playing all day and we will have some of the vendor's street side due to construction. The Danny Dawson band from Douglas will come and play for free after the fireworks that night at 10:00 p.m. We expect the fireworks to cost around \$6,000 this year and per the Mayor we are looking for possible help with the fireworks cost. We are currently looking for a partner for the giveaway and we are again using Black Crow media. I am on the radio with Steve Nichols one time a month with announcements about Hahira events. We will have a Father's Day Car Show along with the Lyons Club on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will have a community yard sale, music and 50/50 raffle. The proceeds will go to the Summer Feed program that provided 3000 lunches last summer. The HMA likes to reinvest in the community. I have requests for money for the July 1 event in the amount of \$6,600. This will include the sound and stage that we must have this year and the cost is around \$1500.00. CBC will take care of some of the advertisement. The merchants will be able to take part of a live remote this year and we have two bands we have to pay for this year. We have to pay for some of the items for the kid's events such as the train ride which is \$300.00. The HMA along with CBC Bank will have a tent set up to give away free water. The sand and fencing will be provided by Rountree Construction. Coombs Heating and Air will have a cool down tent. I have a request for variance of the Sound ordinance. The ordinance states all music off at 10:00 p.m. but the band will play after the fireworks until 11:30 p.m. The vendors will be set up that day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I have a request from the HMA regarding main street u turns. We would like to keep everyone safe and not scare off customers but we would be okay to write tickets for you turn. I spoke to Chief Davis about documenting written warnings and after that they deserve a ticket. Chief Davis said that there is no real way to record warnings. Rountree said we need to find a way to stop u turns, I do not want to tell Chief Davis how to do his job and we do not want to be one of those towns with overkill but we need to stop the u turns. I am on Main Street and I see it every day. City Manager Sumner said this is something we need to discuss as Mayor and Council and we need to be educated about this from law enforcement. I think this needs to be on the June agenda, I do not know the answer. The Mayor said that we have a lot to consider with this issue. We need to know what legally we can do. We need to gather information and pass it along to the Mayor, Council and HMA said Sumner. The Mayor said we have two items to vote on. The first request is for \$6,600 for July 1 Independence Day event to be paid out of BHT supply line item. **A motion was made by Councilman Barfield which was seconded by Councilman Davis for the expense of \$6,600. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.** The second item is the Variance to the sound ordinance to allow the band to play until 11:30 p.m. of July 1, 2017. Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the sound ordinance which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

**B. IT CONTRACT RENEWAL (CITY IT PROVIDER)**

Seth Hodge from Virtual World the City IT Provider is here regarding the renewal of the contract. The FY16-17 amount is \$18,177 and the proposed renewal amount for FY 17-18 is \$21,393. This is a difference of \$3,216 and is due to the network service for additional location, the police department expansion. Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin asked if everyone is satisfied with the current service. The City Manager stated that everyone seems to be ok with the service and that the current provider is responsive to our needs and we are able to get in touch with them if needed. The Mayor asked if anyone had anything to add, none noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin made a motion to approve the contract with Virtual World IT service which was seconded by Councilman Mason Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. 2 RADIOS AND THERMAL CAMERA-SPLOST VII (CHIEF BENNETT)**

Chief Bennett said he would like to replace the current 14 year old thermal camera that we have now. We have been having problems with it for the last 2-3 years and I would like to replace it with a new one. The smaller unit price to replace this one would be \$1,473.00. I would like to purchase this one and continue to write grants to get a more expensive thermal camera. These cameras go in first on a fire call and help us to see if victim is on the floor. I would like to also purchase 2 new radios. The cost would be \$3,995.00. City Manager Sumner said that we will have to replace all the radios in the near future. We have 11 Police department radios and 8 Fire department radios. We will have to budget a few each year stated Chief Bennett. **Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 radios and thermal camera which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**B. TRACTOR-SPLOST VII (PWD WARREN)**

PWD Warren stated that we are in need of a new tractor. This is needed for the side of the road mowing. I would like to purchase a John Deere tractor from AgPro for the amount of \$22,579. This is in the budget and would come out of SPLOST VII funds. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the purchase of the tractor in the amount of \$22,579 which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We appreciate your participation and interest. Keep it up.

Councilman Warren said that he appreciates the Fire department going to help out with the West Mims Fires and appreciates everyone's participation.

Councilman Barfield thanked everyone from District 4 for coming out tonight. I heard Vicki on the radio today promoting events for Hahira. Thank you to all the folks in the field, you are doing a great job. I would like to thank the Council for working together to get things done.

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thank you to each department for the job you do. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for moving forward it is very gratifying to see. I am getting a lot of good comments and a lot of excitement. I look forward to the future.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and thank you to the department heads for the job you do. Victoria and Lisa are working for the possibility of bringing statement billing to you, no more postcard billing. It will be at minimal price increase and will follow the privacy laws. The depot construction is on schedule, they poured the footers today. I appreciate all that the staff does.

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out, it is nice to see a full room. Thank you to Victoria and Lisa on the work of getting information to change to statement billing, this will help for privacy reasons. Thank you for the job that you do. Thank you to Chief Bennett and his guys they have been busy, they do an awesome job, they save lives. Thank you to the Council for all the hard work, you get a sense of satisfaction. I appreciate Chief Davis and PWD Warren, you could not ask for a better group. We are all excited about the new train depot and the ribbon cutting to start construction.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**