

CITY OF HAHIRA
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting August 2, 2018 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Kenneth Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren. Councilman Terry Benjamin was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Wells

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JUL 12, 2018-COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. MILLAGE RATE (2ND PUBLIC HEARING-CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this is the 2nd Public Hearing to set the Millage rate and continue the budget process. This has been advertised and we had one Public Hearing this morning at 11:00 a.m. and this is the 2nd Public Hearing. We will have the 3rd Public Hearing Thursday night the 9th at 6:00 p.m. I recommend keeping the millage rate at 4.75. This has been the rate since 2012 and it is the lowest millage rate in 30 years. We must advertise tax appreciated as increase. This will add 1.77% to millage at a total of estimated \$5,537. Sumner then asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the Millage rate. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the Millage rate. None noted.

B. SUNDAY ALCOHOL PACKAGE SALES TEXT AMENDMENT-FIRST READING

City Manager Sumner stated that a referendum was put on the ballot for the voters regarding Sunday Alcohol Package sales. The voters said yes to Sunday sales. This will require we make an

amendment to our Alcohol code as we explained at the July 2018 meeting. IF we have a unanimous vote tonight the amendment will be codified. We talked about a fee of \$1400.00 at the previous meeting and it is on the Consent agenda tonight. Councilman Warren asked what the procedure would be from here. Sumner stated that if the applicant has a regular package sale license then there will be no background check because it has already been done. They would fill out application for Sunday sales and pay the fee. Councilman Warren said he had no feedback from the community. The Mayor stated that one of the vendors approached him about the Sunday sales fee being too high and there would be no profit. Sumner stated that this is to authorize the City to have Sunday sales of Alcohol. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the Sunday Sales. Mark Lampert of 550 W Stanfill Street stated that he felt the \$1400.00 was too high. We want to keep the money here in town and I think we can treat the vendors here in town better. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. There was then discussion about the amount to charge for Sunday sales. \$1400.00, \$1050.00 or \$950.00. Chief Davis stated he gave them an average for Sunday sales in this area. Councilman Davis said the \$1400.00 is the fee for Remerton area. **Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the text amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Wilmon Stanley of 308 S Washington Street said he would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the wonderful job they do. They always press on and keep the Community in your mind and heart and I appreciate that. I would like to inquire about the Village on Park, are they according to income, managed income. Thank you for the beautification to that area. Great job keep it up.

Mark Lampert of 550 W Stanfill Street said the railroad did a wonderful job on the Stanfill crossing but now we need to address the rest of the Street. There is a bad S curve and people don't take any consideration for that, I think it would help to first put lines back on the road because right now there are no lines. I would like to also address the width of the Street, it needs to be widened at the S curve.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or correction regarding the bills. None noted.

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. MCNEAL ESTATES VIDEO (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner showed the introduction video from the McNeal Estates proposed Subdivision. The will go to the Planning Commission next month after application. It will come to Council at the next meeting.

B. NORTHBRIDGE CHURCH COMMUNITY SURVEY (MIKE WELLS)

Pastor Mike Wells said that he has emailed a list of request for the survey. We would like to poll the community and get their opinion for future ideas. We would divide the City up into quadrants, probably groups of 20 people to go door to door inside the City. We would need to purchase tags and landers at the cost of about \$75.00 to help people know we are official. We would like to use the depot and feed the workers to say thank you for the work. We would like for the City to put it on the water bills once the dates are set and we have discussed doing it after work from 6-8 p.m. on a Monday and Tuesday. Sumner stated that they would work a total of 6-8 hours for a few Monday and Tuesdays to gather data. The Mayor asked what some of the questions would be and Pastor Mike Wells read the list. The Mayor stated that he thought the questions were great and I think they will be a help to the City. The Mayor stated that it is nothing too personal but they may tell you a lot. **Councilman Warren made a motion to provide support for the survey by purchasing the tags, landers and providing a reasonable meal which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

C. DEPOT HALF-DAY RENTAL FEE (MSD DAVENPORT)

City Manager Sumner said that MSD Davenport would like to postpone this so that she can gather more information. **Mayor Pro Tem Barfield made a motion to postpone which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MAIN STREET PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
- B. MAIN STREET COMPUTER-SPLIST VII**
- C. GEORGIA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**
- D. GEORGIA RURAL WATER FALL CONFERENCE**
- E. POLICE UNIFORMS-SPLIST VII**
- F. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE**
- G. FY18-19 COST OF LIVING ALLOCATION**
- H. ALCOHOL PACKAGE SALES-\$950.00**
- I. GEFA RESOLUTION**

Councilman Warren said he thinks we all agreed the \$1400.00 for Sunday Alcohol Sales was too high. I think we have room for adjustment and thinks that it should be under \$1000.00. Councilman Davis agreed and said he thinks it should be around \$950.00. Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield agreed that it should be set at \$950.00. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Barfield said that he is tired of all the water and grass and I appreciate what you do. I think we do need to address the S curve on Stanfill. I think we need to plan to look into it engineer wise and in the future widen the road and put lines on the road. I think we need to look at it all and come up with a solution. Chairman Slaughter thank you for being here we appreciate it. Thank you all for coming out and giving us direction. Thank you.

Councilman Davis said thank you for coming tonight and bringing your comments. They are very valuable and we thank you for putting things on our radar. We need to put the S curve on Stanfill back up to the top of the list, if you speak up things can happen.

Councilman Warren said that he appreciates you all being here tonight. The sidewalks are complete and look good. I appreciate all the work over the last 10 years working on this project. Look what participation does for people.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. We had a good trip doing the surveys of other City Halls and I appreciate the opportunity to do that. We have some good concepts to look at in the fall. The Sludge dredging is complete and the aerators are working. Thank you to the Public works department, Fire department and Police department also thank you to the administrative staff. We have a lot of development going on around town and I thank you.

The Mayor said he concurs with all that has been said here tonight and I appreciate you all coming out. Thank you to Chairman Slaughter and Mr. Wilmon Stanley for coming tonight. I am proud of all departments and the full support they give.

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

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN