

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 10, 2019**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Mike Wells

**COUNCIL ELECTION-MAYOR PRO TEM:**

The Mayor stated it is the beginning of the year and time to elect Mayor Pro Tem for 2019. A motion was made by Councilman Warren to nominate Councilman Davis as Mayor Pro Tem which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS (MAYOR CAIN)**

The Mayor gave out Council assignments for the year, each Councilman is assigned a department to work with for the year.

Councilman Barfield-Police Department

Councilman Warren-Nutrition, Streets and Parks/Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Water/Sewer/Sanitation

Councilman Benjamin-Fire Department and Planning

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. DECEMBER 4, 2018 WORK SESSION**
- B. DECEMBER 6, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by**

**Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Mark Lampert of 550 W. Stanfill Street B-14 stated he was here regarding the traffic going so fast on Main Street. He said it is hard to cross the road or back out in this area. Is there anything we can do to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour in the downtown area? He also said he is excited about 2019 and that the citizens are wondering about what has been prepared regarding the Park area and what new hotels and eateries are coming into town now that I-75 is almost complete.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. BILLBOARDS (CHRIS HAMILTON-V-LCCC&TA)**

Emily Davenport stated she has been working with Chris Hamilton with the Valdosta LCCC & TA. We have had the same billboards on I-75 for the past two years and they have not changed. Chris Hamilton had the idea that the Tourism Authority could take them over and I think this would be a great partnership. Chris Hamilton stated that he thinks this will be a win-win situation. It would commit Hahira messages and give significant access to the City of Hahira. We need the space, we take over the expenses. We would be working with Emily and partner with Mayor/Council to be sure it would be what the City would want on I-75. The Mayor stated that he liked the idea, keep it two boards Hahira specific, one north bound and one South bound. Councilman Barfield said so would Emily be involved and Chris Hamilton stated yes we will work side by side. The Council would see the designs before message is put out there. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. He stated that in the packet you have four options. Emily recommends option 3 which would authorize the Tourism Authority to take over the billboards. City Manager Sumner said he would like to thank Chris Hamilton and his staff for the great work they do and for working with our staff. It is nice to identify partnership with cities, Emily can continue to work with Chris and we are appreciative. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to accept option three which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. RECYCLE CENTER CHECK-IN BUILDING- 10 X 12 \$2,080.00 O'STEEN BUILDINGS**
- B. POLICE CAR ENGINE-\$7,496.00 JERRY KELLY**
- C. ADA TRANSITION PLAN**

The Mayor asked if any questions regarding the Consent agenda. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **REPORTS:**

Councilman Warren thanked everyone for being here tonight and thank you to Mrs. Davenport for what she has done. Mr. Lampert reminds me that citizens are watching and waiting for things to come. The retreat is on February 8<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome to come. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and thank you for coming out.

Councilman Barfield said thank you for the hard work out in the field. I think we will see more eateries and such coming when the work is complete at I-75. I think once people see the lay of the land there will be a desire to be a part of that and once the soccer complex is complete it will all come together. I have been talking to hotel/motel owners putting a bug in their ear of the benefit. I think we all just have to be patient, it will come. I am very optimistic. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve, we live in a great place and I hope we can all have fun and enjoy it.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said this is my 6<sup>th</sup> year with Council assignments and I am excited to work with Donnie and the Public works department again. I have come full circle working with all the best departments. They have taught me a lot and I have learned to stay on the right path. I go to training and hear stories from all over Georgia and I understand we are pretty important from work and meetings. I come home and work with Council, staff and department heads and I realize we are doing great. People ask me all the time why do you do this? Why do you subject yourself to this? I say I do not see it as a negative thing, I am proud of things that we all do and have done. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for Mayor Pro Tem.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, I have good department heads and enjoyable admin staff to work with. I look forward to next month on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 we will meet at the Depot for a Retreat. Many things will be discussed and anticipated, looking forward to the future.

Mayor Cain thanked the department heads, it makes our work easier. They work with us on the budget and try to not spend when we can get by and it is a privilege to work with this Council. We have accomplished a lot in the last 6 years and it has been very good. Mr. Hamilton thank you for coming out and for working with us. As for the speed limit on Main Street the City cannot change that, DOT has to, and we cannot have walkways because they are a false sense of security. This is all up to the DOT. Please come to the retreat we will talk about a lot of things. Thank you **all**.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**