

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION**

**MARCH 5, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

**The Mayor Pro Tem met for a Work Session on March 5, 2019 with Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis presiding.**

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

**REVIEW/CORRECTION MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. FEBRUARY 5, 2019 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 7, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. FEBRUARY 8, 2019 RETREAT**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. RETIREMENT ORDINANCE (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Attorney Rob Plumb stated that there is an ordinance in your packet regarding the retirement for the employees of the City. This is a result of Federal tax laws and new IRS regulations. IT is Georgia code that retirement must be in form of an Ordinance and this will just reinstate the existing agreement. There are no changes in the structure of the plan, this Ordinance is to adopt new changes as stated before. City Manager Sumner stated that we can have this for Public hearing on Thursday night or we can consider this further and have 3 readings. He then asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. Councilman Benjamin said this is for Federal changes only, this needs to be updated to reinstate the plan. Yes said City Attorney Plumb. Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any other questions. None noted.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any questions or discussion regarding the bills. None noted.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. PANHANDLING ORDINANCE (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Attorney Rob Plumb stated as discussed last month the City would like a Panhandling ordinance. I have taken the Valdosta Ordinance and changed some of it and you have this in

your packet. We need to define area and I took some of the stuff out that is not needed. Sumner stated that he understands that this is a specific area but that it needs to have boundaries. Attorney Plumb said yes it currently has Central business district. Councilman Warren asked do we have Central business district. Sumner said do we want to do this by zoning classifications, DDA area or what I think would be best is the Gateway overlay area. Do we want to boundaries by streets? Attorney Plumb said it needs to be related to purpose, you want the area to have purpose. Valdosta created a Hospitality area and used that. Councilman Warren said I do not think you need specific area, I think the general structure of the ordinance would cover it all. He then asked Chief Davis if this would be satisfactory. He stated yes it would. The wording would keep people out of the streets. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated it would also keep people away from business entrances and away from the stores. Councilman Warren said that he thinks you should take out the specific area portion and go with the general wording of the ordinance. Aggressive solicitation is prohibited in all Cities. I think we take out district and make it more general for citizens of Hahira covering the right of ways and medians, it is all the same. City Attorney Plumb stated that he thinks that would be specific enough, no defined area, Hahira does not need this at this time. I would take out item #2 and be sure to cover safety issues. Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked if anyone had any more questions. None noted.

**B. HAHIRA SQUARE PHASE 2.2-INVITATION TO BID-SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner reviewed the different stages on the documents in your packets and discussed at the Retreat on February 8, 2019. Stage 1 the demolition of the warehouse is complete and Stage 2 the new depot is complete. Now it is time to move on the 2.2 which is other implementations at the new depot area. Sumner stated that we have been working with DDA regarding the parking along Lowndes Street and Lawson Street at the new depot. After 14 months we now have the lease on the property behind the depot for parking. We will receive \$80,000 from LMIG and with SPLOST funds I think this can all be done. We will need to do grading around the Depot, bring in dirt and make sure everything will drain correctly. We will need irrigation and sodding for Park area around the depot. It is time to get the bid advertised maybe by Special Called Meeting and have pre construction conference, we need to have this grass done for Honeybee Festival. We will add lighting and lamp posts that match the downtown area and add benches and trash cans along with sidewalks. We will have a perimeter fence that goes along Main Street and down Lowndes Street with brick columns and power outlets with one entrance on Main Street and one on Lowndes Street. The caboose is not set to be moved at this time. The other amenities are not dismissed but we have money in SPLOST VII now to cover what we need to happen now. The splash pad, Veterans wall, sign and fountain will come at later time. Mr. Barrett the Architect could not be here tonight but if you have questions please give him a call. We do have the funds but it must be advertised and bring back to Mayor and Council next month. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. MOWER-SPLOST VII (PWD WARREN)**

PWD Warren stated that would like to purchase a new mower. I have three bids with the lowest bid from John Deere at the cost of \$8995.00. This is a budgeted SPLOST VII expense and we will take the old mower and use in Parks and Recreation department.

**SET MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

**Two items for Public Hearing:**

- Retirement Ordinance
- Panhandling Ordinance

**SET MARCH CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Mower purchase
- Hahira Square Phase 2.2-Invitation to bid

Councilman Warren stated that he would like to go ahead and add in the cost to move the Caboose at the time of bids.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

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**MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH DAVIS**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**