

## **Council Meeting**

**February 6, 2003**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; City Manager, Bonnie Tindall; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mayor Crowe called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Council Nelson. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the January 9, 2003 Council Minutes. Council Bullard made a motion

to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Nelson Vote was unanimous.

### **CITIZENS REQUEST**

- A. Honey Bee Committee – Adeline Landrum – Request for use of sidewalks, closing of North Lowndes Street from B. J. Miley to Lawson Street and Lawson Street West of railroad tracks to Marshall Street, Community Center, Courthouse, City Hall Parking Lot for Saturday and to utilize services of City Employees during Honey Bee Festival in October

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to approve the request. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

### **DEPARTMENT REQUEST**

- A. Award Bid for Generators – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that three bids were received for one large generator at the #1 water well, one generator at the wastewater lift station and one portable generator for other lift stations.

He recommended the low bid from Cowart Electric for \$67,000, which includes a 5 year Comprehensive Warranty.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the bid which includes the maintenance and comprehensive warranty, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Repair or replacement of Jet Rodder – Public Works

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported that the pump needed to be replaced and he recommended buying it from P & H Sales in Louisville, Georgia for \$4,050.00. Council Benjamin made a motion to purchase the pump, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

C. Purchase of Motorola Minitor IV Tone and Voice Pager – Fire Department

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported on additional pagers needed for the Fire Department for new volunteers. They will need to research these and purchase the units as needed. Mayor Crowe asked Council to allow the Fire Chief to purchase 3 of the units as the new volunteers come on board. Council Benjamin made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to purchase the pagers as needed, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Proclamation for Arbor Day (Rachel Schmidbauer, President Hahira Elementary School Council)

Mayor Crowe introduced Rachel Schmidbauer, President of Hahira Elementary School Council. Miss Schmidbauer read the Proclamation for Arbor Day, with Mayor Crowe finishing the last few lines declaring February 21<sup>st</sup> as Arbor Day in Hahira.

B. Proclamation for Black History Month (Michael Warren, President Teen Explosion)

Mayor Crowe introduced Michael Warren, President of Teen Explosion. Mr. Warren read the Proclamation for Black History Month, with Mayor Crowe finishing the last few lines declaring the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Hahira.

C. Resolution to Designate the South Georgia Regional Development Center as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Brian McDougal, South Georgia RDC)

Mayor Crowe introduced Mr. Brian McDougal of the South Georgia Regional Development Center. Mr. McDougal presented a Resolution to designate the South Georgia Regional Development Center as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

D. ADA Compliance Report by CMA Architectural Services, Inc

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, asked Council to let her work with CMA for a plan of action on each building, one at a time, then come back to Council with the report.

E. Extend Boundaries of Better Hometown to City Limits

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that when the Better Hometown Program started in 2001, the boundaries included only the downtown area, as for the DDA. They would like to extend the boundaries to the City Limits, which would cover other businesses in town, and would include the Hahira Business Park.

F. Appointment of Council Member to Better Hometown Board of Directors

Mayor Crowe recommended putting Council Terry Benjamin and City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, on the Board of Directors of the Better Hometown Program.

G. Change Order for Streetscape Project

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that the original plans were to have solid concrete in front of the warehouse on West Main Street. They met with the engineers and Mr. Fred Wetherington to change the plans to include greenery on the front of the warehouse and to add a lamp. Some curb and gutters also needed to be replaced.

H. Request from Eric Hahn for Rest Stop and Refreshments for Bike Ride – March 15, 2003

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that Eric Hahn, who is working with the Azalea Festival in Valdosta, had asked to use Hahira as a rest stop for the bikers who will be coming through on March 15. Their route started in Lake Park and will travel through Valdosta, Hahira, Lakeland and back to Valdosta.

I. Execution of Contract with Shealy Computer Services

City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported on the contract with Shealy Computer Services, which will be \$250.00 per month, \$3,000.00 per year.

Mayor Crowe called on a vote for the Consent Agenda. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Council Nelson reported that there wasn't much going on at this time except for the three houses being built in Audubon Heights Subdivision.
- Council Bullard reported that the sidewalk project had slowed down.
- Council Hunnicutt had no report.
- Council Benjamin thanked the young people who came to the meeting and encouraged them to continue in their pursuits.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager, Bonnie Tindall, reported that work on the Park Street Project would be starting in about three weeks.
- Pam Kalil, recently hired as Better Hometown Director, started work today.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Crowe also thanked Rachel Schmidbauer and Michael Warren for coming and being a part of the meeting.
- Mayor Crowe asked Council for a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters. Council Benjamin made a motion to enter into an executive session, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk

