

Council Meeting

November 6, 2003

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

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, M. C. Nelson and Terry Benjamin; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Interim City Attorney, Rob Plumb.

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

Mayor Crowe called on Council Nelson to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Mayor Crowe.

Mayor Crowe introduced Ms. Adeline Landrum, Chairman of the Hahira Honey Bee Festival Committee. Ms. Landrum thanked the city for their help during the festival and presented two checks, one for \$500.00 to be used on the floor repairs at the courthouse and another check for \$370.00 for eight tables for the Community Center. Mayor Crowe thanked Ms. Landrum.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF OCTOBER 9, 2003 COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Text Amendment – City of Hahira Zoning Ordinance – Interpretation P.C. file #HA-2003-10

Mr. Alan Sloan, Planner of the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, reported that this had been withdrawn.

Site Plan Requirement P.C. file #HA-2003-11

Mr. Sloan reported that a site plan would allow them to see the plans from the beginning and would help the Planning Commission and the City to have a better understanding of the application.

Mayor Crowe asked if there were any questions? There was no response.

He asked for those in favor of the Site Plan Requirement to speak. There was no response.

He asked for those against the Site Plan Requirement to speak. There was no response.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the Site Plan Requirement, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Reformat of Ordinance P.C. File #HA-2003-12

Mr. Sloan reported that the Staff believes that the style of formatting is not necessary and that eliminating the unnecessary numbering will make it more user-friendly. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the reformat to speak. There was no response.

He asked for those against the reformat to speak. There was no response.

Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the reformat, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Developments of Regional Impact P.C. File #HA-2003-13

Mr. Sloan reported that the City's Zoning Ordinance does not contain any statement regarding the DCA's requirements for large-scale developments, with the passage of the Georgia Planning Act, required that certain large-scale developments undergo a DRI review, based on the possibility that they could have impacts outside of the jurisdiction where they are located. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the regional impact to speak. There was no response.

He asked for those against the regional impact to speak. There was no response.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the regional impact, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CLOSED

Ken Garren – Industrial Authority Update

Mayor Crowe introduced Mr. Ken Garren of the Industrial Authority. Mr. Garren briefed Council on the Industrial Park. There are four businesses located in the park at the present time. He talked with one of the business owners, who is looking into possible expansion of his facility. He stated that in the past five years there has been 55 million dollars spent on expansion of existing industries in Lowndes County.

Transfer Station situated on Landfill Property

Public Works Director, John Thursby, requested using 18 acres for a transfer station for construction and demolition material. The location would be on the old landfill site beside the Recycle Center on Union Road. He asked for authorization to investigate. Council Bullard made a motion to give him authorization to investigate, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Discuss investing \$50,000.00 Proprietary Fund Monies in a Certificate of Deposit

Mayor Crowe asked Council for authorization to invest \$50,000.00 Proprietary fund monies into a Certificate of Deposit. Council Bullard made a motion to authorize putting it into a CD, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Discuss Old Hahira High School Property

Mayor Crowe reported that he had met with the School Board on the property. He asked for authorization to accept the property if the city could get the deed. Council Nelson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the property if we get the deed, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Nelson reported that he was glad to see Temple Ogundu on the Council.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Benjamin also welcomed new Councilman Temple Ogundu.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crowe reported that the Christmas Parade would be on Saturday, December 13, 2003. He also mentioned the Mayor's parade in Thomasville would be on Tuesday, December 16, 2003.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn. Council Benjamin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City