

Hahira City Council
February 3, 2026
Work Session
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Terry Davis called the Work Session of the Hahira City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Klay Luke, Council Members Cindy Becton, Louise White, David Lindsey, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, and City Attorney Amy Holbrook. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation will be given at the February 5th Council Meeting.

5. Review/Correction of Minutes

Mayor Davis asked if there were any comments on the January 6, 2026, Work Session minutes or the January 8, 2026, Council Meeting minutes. There were none.

6. Citizens to Be Heard will be held at the February 5th Council Meeting.

7. Mayor Davis asked if there were any comments on the Review of Bills/Budget Overages. There were none.

8. Discussions

- A. Item D Honeybee Festival was moved to Item A. Councilwoman Becton recused herself as she is a member of the Honeybee Committee. Tim Coombs presented information on the 2026 Honeybee Festival and presented Council with documents related to the event. City Manager Sumner stated this item needs to be placed on the discussion agenda for the Council Meeting.
- B. Mayor's Laptop – Virtual World \$2,366 was presented by Mayor Davis. City Manager Sumner brought up the possibility of acquiring electronic devices for all of Council. Mayor Davis asked about the Toughbooks utilized by the police department. Chief Stryde Jones discussed those devices. Further discussion between Mayor and Council was held. City Manager Sumner stated he would acquire a quote for the Mayor and Council for the Toughbooks.
- C. GMA Annual Convention – Savannah, GA – June 25-30, 2026, was presented by City Manager Sumner. During the discussion, it was noted that the date of the convention may conflict with the Independence Day Event the City holds. Interest was expressed to move our event to July 4th.
- D. Spending Threshold and Bank Statements was presented by City Manager Sumner. He explained that our bank accounts were compromised and discussed the sensitivity of the banking documents being sent electronically in packets. He reiterated that the statements are readily available through other methods. City Manager Sumner then discussed the gap between the \$1,000 and \$5,000 spending threshold. He stated that few cities utilize the lower threshold. By increasing the threshold, it frees up the Council and the meetings for larger purchase items. All purchases are available to Mayor and Council via the disbursement report. Mayor

Davis recommended the threshold be raised, with other Council members agreeing, as well as the bank statements distribution methods.

9. Department Requests

- A. Surplus Property was discussed by Chief Jones. 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe 2004 Dodge Durango. We also have 2 small surplus military generators that can now be disposed of and declared surplus.
- B. Two Police Vehicles & Equipment – SPLOST VIII was presented by Chief Jones. The preferred vehicle is the Dodge Durango with V8 pursuit package. The low bidder was Cass Burch at \$43,287. Further discussion was held with Council.
- C. Demolition of 105 North Hall Block Building / 410 E Main Street Masonic Lodge. Mayor Davis stated that these buildings were condemned a few years previously. Chief Jones discussed this further, including the quotes received. Council presented questions in this discussion. City Manager discussed details regarding the expenditure and the ability to recoup that money. City Attorney Holbrook discussed title searches. City Manager stated we are awaiting a third quote. This item is tabled for further discussion and information.
- D. Camera System for Police Department – Audio, Video & Security, Inc. - \$11,850 – SPLOST VIII was presented by Chief Jones. This purchase is connected to the desire to become State Certified and those requirements. This is a GCIC requirement as well.
- E. Georgia Rural Water Association Spring Conference – Jekyll Island, GA – May 5-7, 2026, was presented by Public Works Director Willie Jones. The approximate cost for lodging will be \$1,500 and the cost for the conference is approximately \$1,000. Mayor Davis and Director Jones would be attending.
- F. Sidewalk Forms – SPLOST VIII was presented by Director Jones. Scruggs is the only local vendor reached out to, as well as the internet. Director Jones explained the process of using the forms to build our sidewalks. Mayor Davis discussed the great need for replacement of a lot of our sidewalks. Director Jones also discussed the need to remove trees and stumps that will continue to create damage to our sidewalks. The purchase of these forms will enable Public Works to begin the process of replacing different sections of sidewalk in need of repair.
- G. Truck Quotes – SPLOST VIII was presented by Director Jones. Mayor Davis stated that this is a great need for Public Works. Three quotes were presented. Quote one is from Carl Black Chevrolet in Orlando, FL, for \$60,078, but is without the bed of the truck. Quote two is from Custom One Truck Source in Tampa, FL, for \$74,500 and it does include the bed. Quote three is from Cass Burch in Quitman, GA, for \$59,917. These are gasoline $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks. This item was tabled for further discussion.
- H. 2016 Chevrolet Truck Transmission Repair – Matthews Automotive - \$4,002 – Proprietary Fund was presented by Director Jones.
- I. Courthouse Sound System – Steve Allen - \$2,600 – SPLOST VIII was presented by City Manager Sumner.
- J. Web Site was presented by City Manager Sumner.

- K. Repaving of East Coleman – SPLOST VII & LMIG – Authorization for Bid Advertisement was presented by City Manager Sumner. Council discussed the need for this project.
- L. TAP '19 Authorization for \$291,000 Match – TSPLOST I, SPLOST VIII & LMIG was presented by City Manager Sumner. Mayor and Council discussed this further. This item was tabled for further discussion.
- M. Health Insurance Renewal – Anthem – 9% Increase was presented by City Manager Sumner. He stated he received information from Finance Director Carol Royal that our provider was able to shave an additional 3% off, making it a 6% increase.

10. Set February Council Meeting Agenda – Mayor Davis

Discussion/Department Requests:

8A-C, 9A-B, D-F, H-I, K, M; 9C, G, J. (Moved to Consent Agenda; Removed)

8D. Honeybee Festival

9L. Tap '19 Authorization

Consent Agenda:

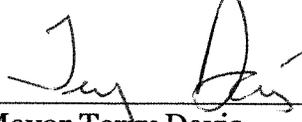
- A. Mayor's Toughbook – Virtual World - \$1,905 – SPLOST VIII
- B. GMA Annual Convention – Savannah, GA – June 25-30, 2026
- C. Movement of 4th of July Celebration to July 4th
- D. Mayor/City Manager Spending Threshold - \$5,000
- E. Surplus Property – 2 Vehicles, 2 Portable Generators
- F. Two Police Vehicles & Equipment – Cass Burch Automotive Group & McLaggan Communications - \$125,000 – SPLOST VIII
- G. Camera System for Police Department – Audio, Video & Security, Inc. - \$11,850 – SPLOST VIII
- H. Georgia Rural Water Association Spring Conference – Jekyll Island, GA – May 5-7, 2026
- I. Sidewalk Forms – Scruggs Concrete - \$3,500 – SPLOST VIII
- J. 2016 Chevrolet Truck Transmission Repair – Matthews Automotive - \$4,002 – Proprietary Fund
- K. Courthouse Sound – Steve Allen - \$2,600 – SPLOST VIII
- L. Repaving of East Coleman – SPLOST VIII & LMIG – Authorization for Bid Advertisement
- M. Health Insurance Renewal – Anthem – 6% Increase
- N. Appointment of Victoria Ingram as City Clerk effective March 1, 2026;
- O. Appointment of Lt. Bobbie Dumas as Assistant Court Clerk, Part Time, with Compensation for Health Insurance.

11. Reports will be held at the February 5th Council Meeting.

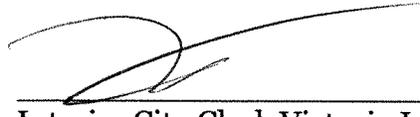
12. Executive Session – Mayor Pro Tem Luke made a Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, seconded by Councilwoman Becton. All were in favor.

Mayor Davis reconvened the regular session stating the appointments of Victoria Ingram as City Clerk effective March 1, 2026; and the appointment of Lt. Bobbie Dumas as Assistant Court Clerk, Part Time, with Compensation for Health Insurance were approved by Council and added to the Consent Agenda.

13. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Terry Davis



Interim City Clerk Victoria Ingram