

Hahira City Council
July 2, 2026
Council Meeting
6:00 PM – Hahira Courthouse

Mayor Terry Davis called the Council Meeting of the Hahira City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Terry Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Klay Luke, Council Members Cindy Becton, Louise White, David Lindsey, and City Manager Jonathan Sumner. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Stryde Jones and Chief David Thompson.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. The Invocation was given by City Manager Sumner.
5. Review/Correction of Minutes
 - A. June 2, 2026, Work Session
 - B. June 4, 2026, Council Meeting

Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the minutes, there were none. Councilwoman White made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Luke. All were in favor.

6. Public Hearing

A. Request by Williams Investment Company for Variances on Multi-Tenant Commercial Property at Intersection of South Union Road and Georgia Highway 122 West was presented by Matt Martin, Planning Director for the City of Valdosta. Mayor Davis asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request. Clayton Milligan 3988 Inner Perimeter Road, Valdosta, with Lovell Engineering who represents the owner of the property spoke. He stated he was prepared to answer any questions, there were none. No others spoke on behalf of the request. Mayor Davis asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to the request, there were none. There were no further questions by Mayor or Council regarding the request. Councilwoman White made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Becton. All were in favor.

7. Citizens to Be Heard: Mayor Davis asked Chief Jones if anyone was on the list for Citizens to be Heard. Chief Jones called Freeman Rivers. Mr. Rivers from 204 S Hall Street spoke regarding the rental of the community center and the need for rentals to continue, as well as the disrepair the building is in. Councilwoman White stated that she was in full agreement. Councilman Lindsey asked if this was in the budget already for the repair. City Manager Sumner stated that it was, and that this was discussed at our work session earlier this year and that we had gotten quotes previously that came in at more than two times the expected quote. Councilwoman White stated we could look at it again. It was stated that the quote came in at over \$250,000 previously. Another issue Mr. Rivers spoke about is the need to expand council representation beyond the 4 seats we currently have. Councilwoman White spoke regarding this matter. Mayor Davis stated that the time to speak had expired but also stated we would take a look at his requests.

8. Review of Bills/Budget Overages. Mayor Davis asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Luke made a Motion to approve the Bills/Budget Overages, seconded by Councilman Lindsey. All were in favor.

9. Discussions

- A. Consideration of Surplus Property Sale – South Union Road
- B. Request for Cost Estimate – Repaving of South Hall Street from Main Street to West Grace Street

10. Department Requests

- A. City Hall Repairs – Authorization of Cost+ to Hahira Contractors – Maximum \$15,00 – General & Proprietary Funds
- B. FY26 COLA
- C. Surplus Trailblazer
- D. Well #2 Flowmeter – Calibration Controls - SPLOST VIII - \$11,000
- E. Surplus Property Sale - \$5,00 – Williams Investment Company – Small Portion of Road Parcel Leading to I-75 Interchange Lift Station
- F. Authorization of Cost Estimate – Repaving and Drainage Improvements of South Hall Street from main Street to West Grace Street

Councilman Lindsey made a Motion to approve 9A and B and 10 A - F, seconded by Councilwoman White. All were in favor.

11. Reports. Mayor Davis stated some had just returned from GMA this past weekend and one of our very own has put in a lot of time and effort with the Georgia Municipal Association. Councilwoman White was just sworn in as District 11 President of GMA. Mayor Davis stated she has done an awesome job and we are very pleased. She was given a standing ovation for her accomplishments.

A. Councilwoman White spoke regarding her appointment, and stated GMA is a great place. With their training, she has exceeded. She stated it took a lot of hours of training, and she is always fighting for a seat at the time. She is on her third award for her achievements and hours. She is putting Hahira on the map. She stated she loves our city. She loves interaction with citizens. She stated she is also on the board. She will continue to bring it back to Hahira where it needs to be. Councilman Becton feels the same as Councilwoman White, she loves this town. She is thankful for being able to go to GMA and stated it was good and successful. She thanked all the staff and said we have the best employees. Councilman Lindsey thanked God for this country and for our founding fathers. He stated freedom is not free and we must always fight for freedom. Mayor Pro Tem Luke said it was an honor and privilege to serve. He thanked Councilwoman White for what she does. He echoed what Councilman Lindsey said. God has blessed this nation. He thanked our directors and employees and is thankful we were able to pass COLA. He appreciated Mr. Freeman for speaking. He thanked Matt Martin for all he does.

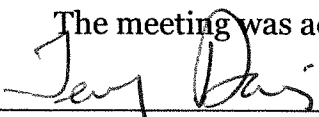
B. City Manager Sumner echoed what the council said. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve. He recognized Councilwoman White on her accomplishments. He recognized department heads as well. He is looking forward to budget time coming up in August.

C. Mayor Davis said when it comes to his turn everything has been said. He congratulated Councilwoman White on her accomplishments. He stated she has worked with GMA to help restore the cities in trouble nearby. It is an honor to have her. He stated he is very excited about the addition of the property owned by the Williams family.

12. Executive Session was not utilized.

Mayor Pro Tem made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman White.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.



Mayor Terry Davis



City Clerk Victoria Ingram