

CITY OF HAHIRA
OCTOBER 2, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on October 2, 2025 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klay Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and PWD Willie Jones. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn was not present.

ESTABLISH QUORUM : Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 WORK SESSION

B. SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY26 BUDGET-FORMAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner reviewed the timeline for the budget and stated this is the last step for the FY26 Budget. It has been advertised in the legal organ and copies were available at City Hall. This is required by code, if approved it will be codified and

the Ordinance will be signed by the Mayor and we can then move forward with the FY 26 Budget. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak against the FY26 budget.? None noted.

The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the FY26 Budget? None noted.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget which was seconded by Councilman Luke.

Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem White. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. GEFA AWARD DOCUMENTS-\$567,000 GRANT-\$63,000 LOAN-WOODBRIDGE DITCH PIPING PHASE II (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated Council decided to break this project into Phase I and Phase II. Phase I is in the process of being closed and thanks to reallocation of funds from COVID we can move forward with Phase II. We have reviewed the documents and Council found a few things that we need to address and we will work

with GEFA staff to get these items recorded. We are requesting approval of the loan documents pending certain line items. We would also like to include approval for the latest estimate included today. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

Councilman Luke made a motion to move forward with Phase II and authorization for bidding which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

**B. WIIN GRANT DOCUMENTS-\$1,390,000-
WELL #1 REDRILL-GEFA (CITY MANAGER)**

Mayor Cain stated we did not receive the documents and we will wait for them to arrive. City Manager Sumner stated he contacted GEFA and the documents are

still under review with them and then they will send them to us. We can then have attorney review along with Council and move forward for the December 1 deadline.

Councilman Luke made a motion to postpone until the documents are received and reviewed which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey.

Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. 2026 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT-ATLANTA, JANUARY 22-26**
- B. 2026 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
- C. CHRISTMAS BONUSES**
- D. THANKSGIVING LUNCH-NOVEMBER 21;
CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 9, 2025**

Mayor Pro Tem White voted to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Councilman Barfield said the Honeybee Festival starts this weekend and then we have Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a good time of year, good time to show off our beautiful little town. I would like to thank the Directors, Chiefs and employees for all they are getting done.

Mayor Pro Tem White said everyone stay safe.

Councilman Luke said he is proud to be a part of this. Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council it is great to see all the projects moving forward. I appreciate the hard work of the Directors, Chief

Jones, Chief Thompson and PWD Jones. I am excited about the season and I am proud of the 2026 Budget and all the hard work done on that. I am just proud to be a part of it all and God Bless You all.

Councilman Lindsey had no comments.


City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, November 1 will be 19 years and it has been a really good ride. I just want to convey my appreciation. Thank you to the Directors and all of the Council, we are moving forward.

Mayor Cain said I agree with all that has been said and I would like to thank the PW for all their hard work the last few weeks. They have been getting ready for the Honeybee Festival and doing their regular duties and I really appreciate them. The City looks good. I know Chief Jones, Chief Thompson and PW Jones will be out in full force this weekend and I appreciate all the hard work.

Thank you to the Fire department and EMS for helping my wife Tuesday night and thank you for all your prayers.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

ADJOURN.



MAYOR BRUCE CAIN



CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN