**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 5, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Mason Barfield, Terry Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Warren. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and PWD Donnie Warren.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **FEBRUARY 4, 2020 WORK SESSION**
2. **FEBRUARY 14, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **HA-2020-01 VARIANCE REQUEST BY PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Tracey Tolley Planning and Zoning Administrator stated this is a variance request from Providence Missionary Baptist Church at 707 W Park Street. It is R-10 zoned and on 1/10th of an acre. The request is to extend the awning and handrails as seen on the site plans. It is close to the right of way by about ½ inch. The Church was built prior to the current variance regulations. The Planning Commission had a positive vote with three conditions. The Mayor stated I would recommend the handrail portion and the steps recommendation. Councilman Benjamin said I received the pictures which show the extension of the awning down the ramp and put railing along the ramp with rails on the steps. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion. Albert Reed of 4121 Bergman Road and Glenn Reed said they agreed with condition one and two but the third item is in question. Those steps are being used and we do not want to remove the steps. We want to add railing to the steps, it will be two steps with rails for support. This will be in ADA compliance and it is to assist the elders. Councilman Benjamin asked if in the future the steps are a problem would the Church work with the City. I know the Church is 107 years old. The Mayor stated yes something regarding the drainage ditch may come in the future. Ted Raker the DDA Chairman said that he fully supports the City letting them do this. We do not know where the property line is exactly. James Cadette of 3802 Tiffany Place said that he is a member of the Church. We are trying to upgrade and make the Church ADA accessible and cover the stairs. It is all the way into the roadway, the elders really need this. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted. The Mayor said I agree with condition one and two but let the steps remainthere. This shouldbe grandfathered in after 107 years**. Councilman Benjamin made a motion to approve HA-2020-01 with two conditions and exclude third condition which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **HA-2020-02 TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONS TO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

Tracey Tolley Planning and Zoning Administrator stated this is amendment text. It received unanimous support from the Planning Commission. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. Mayor Pro Tem Warren said this constricts the ability to grow and change and I think this text needs to be added. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted**. Mayor Pro Tem Warren made a motion approve HA-2020-02 which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF PETERS STREET ALLEY NORTH (CITY MANAGER)**

This is a request from Mr. David Arnold in December and it was discussed in January. It is an 8 foot alleyway on Peters Street. The property can be identified on the plat and we need approval for the engineer to proceed. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the closure of a portion of Peters Street Alley. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the closure of a portion of Peters Street Alley.None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the closure of a portion of Peters Street Alley North which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

1. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF RANDALL STREET ALLEY SOUTH (CITY MANAGER)**

This is same request just different area on Randall Street. The plat is included and they are waiting to proceed. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the motion. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the motion.None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve closure of a portion of Randall Street Alley South which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Warren 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 Benjamin made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren. Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **COMMON AREA PROPERTY ALONG HAGAN BRIDGE-LAWSON FARM**
2. **TRACTOR CLUTCH REPLACEMENT UPDGRADE-$3,698 AG-PRO COMPANIES-SPLOST VII**
3. **CITY HALL MOLD REMOVAL -$2,479 FRESH AIR INC.**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the consent agenda. None noted.  **Mayor Pro Tem Warren made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for coming tonight ad thank you to Chairman Slaughter for coming.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren thank you to all those that do all the work, things are running smooth. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for coming out tonight. I look forward to new opportunities.

Councilman Barfield thanked directors and people working in the field, I have had no calls and that means they are doing the job. I appreciate the Planning and Zoning Administrator and staff for what they do and thank you to Chairman Slaughter for coming tonight. I am looking forward to spring.

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve District 1 and for coming out tonight. I am happy to get to work with the City Manager, Mayor, Council, City department heads and employees. I am grateful to you all, you make Hahira what it is. We have another great year on the books.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads and admin staff. Thank you to Tracy and Matt for keeping us straight with Planning and Zoning, I am looking forward to another great year.

Mayor Cain thanked all the department heads and admin staff. You are the face of Hahira. I would like to thank the City Manager and Council for the work that they do. You all do a great job and I thank you.

**ADJOURN.**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**