

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on September 4, 2025 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klay Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Stryde Jones, Fire Chief David Thompson and PWD Willie Jones.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owen

## **REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

### **A. AUGUST 5, 2025 WORKSESSION**

### **B. AUGUST 7, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the minutes. None noted.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **A. MILLAGE RATE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is time to set the millage rate per state law for purpose of property tax by jurisdiction. We looked at the budget and due to growth both Residential and

Commercial the valuation doubled. For example, a \$100,000 home assessment would pay 40% at .00476 would be about \$190.00 per year. This money funds public safety, fire, police public works and streets. We can take the current roll back of 4.96 and roll it back to 4.76 for the citizens. We will also have the Senior Citizen exemption on the ballot in November. This is the one public hearing required for roll back and it has been advertised as required by law. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

**The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the millage rate roll back? None noted.**

**The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the millage rate roll back? None noted.**

**The Mayor asked if Council had any questions? None noted.**

**B. FY26 BUDGET-PRELIMINARY  
ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

- A. REQUEST BY LT.DUMAS FOR UNPAID  
LEAVE OF ABSENCE(CHIEF JONES)**
- B. CITY PARK-DISASTER RECOVERY  
RESTORATION (CITY MANAGER)**
- C. EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
PROCUREMENT POLICY (CITY MANAGER)**
- D. INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE  
PROVIDER/PHONE SYSTEM-SPLOST VIII  
(CITY MANAGER)**
- E. GCCMA FALL CONFERENCE (CITY  
MANAGER)**

**F. EXCAVATOR TRAILER-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

**G. UNIFORMS-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

**H. GEORGIA RURAL WATER FALL  
CONFERENCE (PWD JONES)**

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

### **REPORTS:**

Councilman Lindsey said good job on the millage rate, Thank you to the Mayor and City Manager.

Councilman Barfield said same on the rollback of the millage rate, it is a great sign the City is doing what they need to do as we continue to grow. I apologize for not being

here on Tuesday night, I have no schedule and I appreciate you calling and trying to get me here.

Mayor Pro Tem White said it is a blessing to be here and have the money for Hahira to do the roll back. It is an election year. I am glad that Clearwave got the contract. I love Hahira and if there is anything you need you can contact the City Manager or the Mayor, they will be available.

Councilman Luke said thank God for the blessing for Hahira. Thank you to the Mayor and City Manager, Ms. Lisa and admin staff. Thank you to the Police department and Fire department. We are seeing great success while we are on the Council, the well, wastewater plant, roads, park fixed. Actions speak louder than words, promises were made.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and said it is a privilege to sit in this chair. Thank you to the citizens and staff, admin staff. This is a great place to work.

Mayor Cain said I concur with all that has been said. He said yes as Councilman Luke stated we are getting things done, it has been a lot of work for a lot of years and this is a very good thing. It is all coming to reality and I am thankful for all the projects moving forward. Thank you to the Police department, Fire department, PW department and the City Hall staff. Thank you all for a great job. We have the Honeybee Festival at the end of the month.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**