

CITY OF HAHIRA
FEBRUARY 28, 2023
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on February 28th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Louise White and Kenneth Davis. City Attorney Rob Plumb, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, PWD Willie Jones, MSD Jennifer Price and Assistant MS Jamie Parr. Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti and Councilmember Mason Barfield were not present.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. JANUARY 31, 2023 WORK SESSION

B. FEBRUARY 2, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

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

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. PROPOSED DOWNTOWN SPORTS BAR (ELISE PIERCE)

Elise Pierce of 5239 Hall Road Hahira stated she has a new business proposal for a pub style restaurant. She gave a brief history stating I currently own The Looking Glass on Main Street. I would like to take part of the building (the old Sew Blessed) and have a pub style place with beer, wine, pool tables, televisions and live entertainment. The building is 1700 square feet and I would put kitchen in the back. I know you are asking why and I have done my research. This would respond to needs and set upward trend. It is a great investment opportunity. City Manager Sumner stated I think the question is what part is food and what part in alcohol. The Ordinance states 50/50 per City Attorney Rob Plumb who is here tonight if any questions. Plumb stated you must be able to accommodate 10 people and open 6 days per week. There was a questions regarding temporary license and Plumb stated we could look at code but I think you are wanting authorization before you begin the process and the City can consider that. Sumner stated this will be on the April agenda for consideration. Does anyone have any questions?

B. PROPOSED TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT (JODE HEWETT)

Jode Hewett is the owner of Yellow Pillar Designs, a Hahira architectural firm he operates out of his residence. He is wanting to create a high end set of Townhomes, The Crossing Townhomes that will be north on Church Street

across from McNeal Estates (6.96 acres). The development would be gated with security, lighting, playground and pool. There is a need for homes for the military families coming into Moody and security is their main concern. He is proposing 72 units but it will be built in phases of about 16 each phase. This is all in the planning stage and I just wanted to gauge your views on the project. Hahira is at 99% rental capacity. The next step will be the pre application process with Planning and Zoning.

C. FULL-TIME MAIN STREET ASSISTANT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that as discussed at the Retreat a full-time Main Street assistant is needed. The current assistant Jaime is willing to work 30-40 hours per week. The proposed wage and salary breakdown is included in the packet attachments. City Manager Sumner stated that he understands every department needs raises and we should have revenue adjustments this year that will cover that. I will bring that to you at the April meeting.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. SEWER CAMERA (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones said that he needs a sewer camera, it will go down 200 feet and will help to identify I & I and root damage. We have been borrowing a camera from GRW

and we need to purchase one. The low bid price is \$17,269.00.

B. TRENCH BOX (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones stated a trench box is needed for safety and to prevent injury. We needed one last week when the hole caved in but no one was hurt. The low bid cost is \$7,940.00.

C. BACKHOE (PWD JONES)

We have had the old one repaired several times but we are in need of new one. We would like to keep the old one for back up. I should have the cost by the Council meeting on Thursday night.

D. RESTRIPE MAIN STREET PARKING (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones stated he had requested by Councilmember White to restripe the downtown parking places. The cost will be \$1,300.00.

E. CHIEF'S SUMMER CONFERENCE (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis would like to go to Summer Conference in July from the 23rd-26th in Savannah The registration cost is \$425 and the lodging is \$189 per night.

F. SOUTHERN SKY FIREWORKS-JULY 1, 2023 (MSD PRICE)

MSD Price stated it is that time again. We would like to use the same company as last year. The cost is \$15,000 and most of it is covered by sponsorship as it was last year.

SET MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-Full time Main Street Assistant

NO CONSENT AGENDA

-No Consent agenda, leave all discussion items the same due to not having quorum.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN