

Council Meeting

May 10, 2001

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt and Sonny Copeland; City Manager, Danny Lucas; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Student Council Christopher Bullard; Chamber Director, Bonnie Tindall.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Harris gave the invocation.

Mayor Adams introduced Mr. Danny Lucas, the new City Manager.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum of council was established.

Council Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2001, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the bills and asked Council if they had any questions regarding the bills. There were none.

Public Hearing

Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant #00p-x-092-2-2377, for street drainage and sidewalk improvements, West Park and Sargent Street.

Mayor Adams reported on the CDBG Grant which would be for:

1. Curb and gutter installation and resurfacing for West Park Street.
2. Sidewalk improvements from Washington Street to Union Road.
3. Installation of storm drains on the South side of West Park Street.
4. Construction of a small vehicle off street parking area in front for the Hahira Housing Authority.

5. Installation of two large culverts in the drainage canal from Railroad Street, along Sargent Street to Hall Street.

The improvements will improve drainage in the area, eliminate safety and health concerns, and relieve parking problems on the streets. Bob Roberson and Associates of Moultrie will handle the grant funds for the project. Stephenson and Palmer Engineering will be the engineers on the project.

Mayor Adams asked for citizen's comments. There were none.

Mayor Adams stated that he needed a signed list of everyone in attendance for the record.

Mayor Adams stated that he hoped this project would be completed by Christmas.

End

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Department Requests:

Public Works Director, John Thursby, requested approval to purchase a job site trailer for the water and sewer department to keep tools and supplies on hand. He recommended purchasing one from Wells Cargo for \$4,395.00. He also requested approval to purchase a sewer camera for \$500.00. This is a Capital Outlay item. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the trailer from Wells Cargo for \$4,395.00 seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, Thursby reported on a grant from GRWA for \$1,195.00 for replacement of fluoride equipment at the two city water wells and requested the council authorize Mayor Adams to execute a contract with The Georgia Rural Water Association for administration of the grant. Council Harris made a motion to give Mayor the authorization to execute the contract seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Thursby recommended council authorize Mayor Adams to execute a contract with Mr. Rick Whitman as the contractor for harvesting of hay from the LAS hay fields. Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Police Chief, Terry Davis, requested approval to purchase a safety helmet with intercom, which will be used with the new Harley motorcycle that was recently leased. Cost would be \$828.60. Funds would come from drug seized money. Council Bullard made a motion to purchase the helmet seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Davis also requested approval for a receipt printer for the Police Department. Cost would be \$385.00. Council Bullard made a motion to purchase the receipt printer seconded by Council Hunnicutt.

Vote was unanimous.

(B) Review of policy regarding water, sewer and sanitation service disconnection, reconnect fees, adjustments to water bills because of leaks, definition of commercial customers, and swimming pool consumption.

Mayor Adams reported that he had appointed a committee of three consisting of the Danny Lucas City Manager, John Thursby Public Works Director and the water, sewer and sanitation councilman Harris to study the current policy and to recommend changes, additions or solutions to current problems. They will bring this back for council to review.

(C) Change # 2 & 3 for wastewater treatment plant contract.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve change order #2 to the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project being performed by Mike Harrison Construction Company for construction of a sewer pumping station force main and gravity sewer main from South Nelson Street, to Tillman Street at a cost of \$125,000.00. John Thursby Public Works Director recommended Mike Harrison Construction Company for the work. Council Harris made a motion to approve change order #2, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve change order #3 to the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project for replacement of the electrical power cables to the six original aerator motors in the wastewater treatment plant aeration pond. Two bids were received with Cowart Electric submitting the low bid of \$3,000.00. John Thursby Public Works Director recommended Cowart Electric for the work. Council Bullard made a motion to go with Cowart Electric, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked council to review information on proposed city E-mail Policy and Technology Resources Use Policy. This will be brought to next month's meeting.

(D) Request from Williams Investment Co. to adjust April water and sewer bill.

Mayor Adams reported on a request from Williams Investment to adjust their water bill, due to a water leak last month. Council Bullard made a motion to adjust the water bill, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Motion amended to adjust April bill based on an average of the May through July bills, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Request from Todd Griffin to adjust Honeybee Splash car wash April water and sewer bill.

Mayor Adams reported on a request from Todd Griffin to adjust the April water and sewer bill due to excessive water use because of malfunction of a cutoff valve at the Honeybee Splash car wash. Council Bullard made a motion to adjust the April bill based on an average of the May through July bills, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Mayor Adams requested a change of October council meeting date from the 4th to the 11th due to conflict with Honeybee Festival.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Authorization to execute Corporate Resolutions for all city checking accounts adding Danny O. Lucas signature as city treasurer.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the Corporate Resolutions, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Adoption of Safety Policy Statement.

Mayor Adams asked for council to adopt the Safety Policy Statement. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to adopt the policy, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Resolution to apply for Citgo Amerifleet credit card.

Mayor Adams read the resolution. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the credit application, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Magnolia Outdoor Media benches.

Mayor Adams reported on dissatisfaction of two city merchants and the Better Hometown Manager regarding placement of benches and trash receptacles on downtown city streets by Magnolia Outdoor Media under contract with the city. He stated he had discussed the matter with Mr. Bill Davis of Magnolia Outdoor Media who stated that he would relieve the city of the contract obligations and remove the benches if the city council voted to remove them. Council Bullard made a motion to dissolve the contract, and remove the benches, seconded by Council Copeland. Councils' Copeland, Bullard and Hunnicutt voted for the motion. Council Harris opposed. Motion passed.

(K) Mayor Adams presented a Proclamation for Memorial Day on May 28th.

Council Harris read the proclamation.

Mayor Adams encouraged all citizens to attend the Memorial Day service.

(I) Reports

Student Council, Chris Bullard, had no report.

Council Copeland had no report but mentioned the new lady working in the sanitation department. He was glad that the city received a grant.

Council Hunnicutt had no report, but welcomed Danny Lucas as the new City Manager.

Council Bullard also welcomed Danny as the new City Manager. He also reported on a bump in the road on South Nelson Street. John Thursby stated that it would be fixed in the next two weeks.

Council Harris welcomed Danny Lucas, the new City Manager.

City Manager, Danny Lucas, thanked Mayor and Council for his appointment and gave a brief personal history.

Mayor Adams reported that he had received notification today from the D.O.T. that a portion of East Stanfill Street from North Nelson Street to College Street would be resurfaced under the LARP program.

Mayor Adams stated that there would be a fund raiser barbeque and "fun day" on Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene to raise funds for Church renovations and encouraged everyone to attend and support the efforts of the Church.

Chamber Director, Bonnie Tindall, reported that she received "Better Hometown" signs from the Better Hometown workshop in Hawkinsville and was coordinating with GA D.O.T. to place the signs at the principle entrance to the city. She asked for volunteers to help on committees and thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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