

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 30, 2015

6:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session November 30, 2015 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Kenneth Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn. Councilmember Terry Benjamin was not present.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

- A. OCTOBER 22, 2015 11:30 A.M. MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- B. OCTOBER 22, 2015 6:30 P.M. MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- C. OCTOBER 29, 2015 MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- D. NOVEMBER 2, 2015 WORK SESSION**
- E. NOVEMBER 5, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**
- F. NOVEMBER 12, 2015 DDA PUBLIC FORUM**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions, concerns or corrections to meeting minutes. None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. City Manager Sumner said that he was happy to report no amendments to the budget this year, no changes to the 2015 budget and he is very pleased.

DISCUSSIONS:

A. MAINTENANCE OF PLANTERS (HMA PRESIDENT)

The Mayor stated that the HMA President Mrs. Roundtree is not present. He stated that the HMA came to us and wanted us to have a plant maintenance agreement in the amount of \$300.00 (\$3,600 per year) with a local business Where the Green Grows. City Manager Sumner said that from A policy standpoint we have sufficient funds in supply promotional or if approved we can transfer to beautician part of the budget in the Parks and Rec. The company would water the planters, remove dead plants and replace plants. This is for 14 planters. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin said can't the Public Works department water the plants, the Mayor stated that the PW Department used to water plants with water truck. Councilmember Barfield said that he thought it would be more than watering the plants, it would be for upkeep and fertilizing. City Manager Sumner said that it has been difficult to get things to live in the planters in the heat and that if this company can do it then bravo. The Mayor said that it would be a contract with the City and we would pay them directly. Councilmember Davis said just to confirm this would

come from the HMA budget. Yes per City Manager Sumner. Mayor Pro Tem Clendenin asked why the businesses can't take care of the plants. Councilmember Barfield said this company is professional and they can maintain the plants. City Manager Sumner said from a staff stand point we really are in need of a garden club for trees and beautification and such. He said that we need to discuss this at the 2016 retreat. The Mayor said that this is the idea of the HMA and they said that if they have the businesses do this that some will do it and some will not.

B. SARGENT STREET-SPLOST VII (MAYOR CAIN)

The Mayor conducted the advertisement and bid opening for our FY15 LMIG project to repair Sargent Street and we received two bids for base repair and resurfacing. One bid was H & H Paving with low bid of \$27,759.50 and Scruggs Company at \$39,527.65. A minimum of \$35,919 must be expended to draw down the full GDOT money awarded to the city this year. This means that all amounts committed above approximately \$27,000 will be funded from SPLOST VII. The Mayor stated that we really need to patch adjacent areas and do concrete pad at that community center for handicapped parking which would make the total project around \$40,000.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. BODY CAMERAS-SPLOST VII (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis stated that he would like to purchase 10 WatchGuard body cameras. He said that we have \$99.00 cameras and that they do not last long. He stated that legislature should pass HB to make it law that all police officers have body cameras. He stated that right now the retention rate is 5 years. He stated he has Jason Bellflowers (City IT) here to discuss the cameras and the back-up. Chief Davis stated that he felt the WatchGuard is the best out there at \$895.00. Councilmember Barfield asked if they leave it on at all times. Chief Davis stated yes they do, you have cameras on the cars but you have to be in the right position, if you are not in area it will not record it. City Manager Sumner said that the total for 10 body cameras would be \$9,070. But the liability makes them worth their rate. Jason said you have to consider back up storage for the cameras, looked at a few companies and think that WatchGuard is very good company. Chief Davis said the cameras that we have in the cars is WatchGuard. Jason said that to store the information you have to have a NAS device which is \$2,400-\$2,500 and he recommends that you have two. One for the Police department and one to place off site at the Fire Department. Jason stated that you have several forms of back up but suggest that private cloud would be good for speed and security. He stated that if you watch the WatchGuard video that they are top of the line. Councilmember Barfield stated that he feels this is very vital to the Police department, they are held to a higher standard, this would protect the City, Citizens and the Police Department, it would protect everyone and we should really look into this. The Mayor asked if the Chief would get three quotes for Thursday night.

B. CITY AND FINANCE CLERKS' WINTER CONFERENCE (CITY CLERK)

City Manager Sumner stated that the City Clerk and Finance Clerk would like to attend training in Athens in February. The cost is not posted yet but that he has given last year's costs for the conference. It is \$325.00 for the classes and \$99.00 per night for the rooms for 4 nights. This is a cost of approximately \$725.00 for two people.

C. MOODY SUPPORT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION(CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this an annual expenditure that we budget for each year. This is a contribution to Parker Greene's MAFB retention committee. The funds go to promote and support the military. The amount is \$1,000.00 and we have been doing this for many years.

SET DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

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-Body Cameras

DECEMBER CONSENT AGENDA:

-Maintenance of Planters

-Sargent Street-SPLOST VII- H & H Paving \$40,000

-City and Finance Clerks' Winter Conference

-Moody Support Committee Contribution

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURN.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn