

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 7, 2016**

**7:30 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting July 7, 2016 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Mike Wells

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. MAY 31, 2016 WORK SESSION**
- B. JUNE 2, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Wilmon Stanley of 308 S. Washington said that he has been away for a long time but that now he is back. I would like to commend the Mayor, Council and City Manager on the way you are all working together. I would also like to recognize the dedication of the City employees, good people are hard to find.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. PUBLIC WORKS FALL CONFERENCE**
- B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

- C. CITY CENTER SURVEY-SPLOST VII
- D. SLUDGE BLANKET REMOVAL, LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION GEFA APPLICATION
- E. PUBLIC SAFETY/ADMIN STAFF FUNDING REQUEST
- F. COURTHOUSE HVAC/COOMBS/SPLOST VII
- G. PUBLIC WORKS CLUTCHES-SPLOST VII
- H. METER READER-SPLOST VII

**Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin, Councilman Warren and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **REPORTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for the opportunity to serve District One. Thank you to all departments that was a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I have heard many positive remarks, many people really enjoyed the festivities, we had people from outside of the City coming in and they really enjoyed it. Thank you to the HMA, Mayor and Council. On the Salary adjustments thank you for your patience, we need to take care of our most valuable resource, our employees. Thank you to the Mayor, City Manager and Council.

Councilman Davis said that he would like to reiterate what Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin said, thank you to the HMA and Vicki Rountree. She was out there all day sweating and she really worked hard. It was a fantastic event. We have a great group of employees, Police department, Fire department, Public Works Department, and we need to get the employees up to standard.

Councilman Warren said that he is glad to be part of this team. He said that he spoke to many people from Valdosta, Tim Golden and Von Shipman that came for the event and they enjoyed it. He said that he is proud of our little town. He said the Valdosta Daily Times mentioned the splash pad in the article and he had many people excited, he said that he know it will depend on the cost but that the children would really enjoy it. Thank you to everyone.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to Vicki Rountree for all the work on this event, it was a great success. Thank you to the Police department, Fire department and the Public works department, I appreciate everyone. I had the opportunity to retreat at the GMA Convention and attend a risk management course. They all had success and failures to report, I thank the lord for department heads and their wisdom. There is a lot that we do not have to worry about. Thank you to everyone and the best is yet to come and thank you for the salary increases.

Mayor Cain said everyone has said everything I wanted to say, but thank you again to Vicki Rountree and the HMA and to Black Crow Media. IT was a great event. We had a lot of good comments from people inside and outside of the City. I have not heard one bad thing about the event. We even had a group of fire fighters from Florida that stopped by. Thank you to all that were involved. I would like to thank the department heads, fantastic job by all. Thank you to Donnie for getting things ready, everything was clean. Thank you to the Police department they were prepared for Saturday and even had mules to ride around on in the crowd. Thank you to the Fire department, it took two weeks to get the permit for the fireworks. Thank you to all the departments, we have looked at raises for over 8 years. You have cut

back over the last 2 years and now all that has paid off. I thank each and everyone one of you. Thank you all.

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**