

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

6: 00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

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

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JANUARY 30,2018 WORK SESSION**
- B. FEBRUARY 1, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

LAWSON STREET RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

City Manager Sumner stated that Norfolk Southern Railroad request that the RR crossing at Lawson Street close. They offered an incentive package that would be \$32,000 from the RR and \$7,500 grant from the DOT. IF we vote to leave it open then the Railroad will petition the City to have it closed and the final decision would come from Georgia DOT. We tabled this item In January and February to give the Mayor and Council more time and we will have a public hearing at the upcoming March Council meeting on Thursday night and it will then be up for vote.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. HONEYBEE FESTIVAL (LANA HALL)

Lana Hall Hahira Honeybee Festival President of 7288 Hall-Webb Road stated that she is here tonight to discuss the 37th Annual Honeybee Festival that will be held October 1-6, 2018. We have a few request from the City, we would like to line Main Street down to Newsome Street with vendors this year. We also would like to close Lowndes Street from Main Street to Lawson Street for vendors and the area here beside the Courthouse. We will need power (200 amps) down Lowndes Street and 4 taps of water. We can work with PWD Warren on these items. We would like to use the Depot stage and park area and the power panel at the depot which is in the storage room. We will need to close Main Street Extension on Saturday morning the day of the parade all the way to Union Road. We will continue to have the Breakfast at the Community Center, because we have stove and what we need there. We also will have the 5k run. City

Manager Sumner stated that the Mayor and I will be meeting with the department heads and we will all work together to get things done. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

B. DEVELOPER REQUEST FOR PROPOSED OUTH HALL STREET-BROOKRIDGE DRIVE DEVELOPMENT (BEN HOUSE)

Ben House with Real Living Real Estate said that he is here because he would like to building a subdivision at 6670 Brookridge Drive which is currently zoned County but he would like to have the City of Hahira annex into the City. We would like to use City water and sewer and we would like to have a piece of the road paved and paid for by the City. The cost of that road would be around \$300,000. The layout would be 107 lots on a 60 acre tract and the houses would be zoned R-15. The houses would be about 1800 square foot and they would be similar to the current Lawson Farms Subdivision in the City now. The taxes on each house would be around \$2,400 per year which would be around \$256,000 per year and we think this will help the City grow. This is a preliminary layout and is based on commitment letter from the City on the road. We must have two paved entrances and the road that needs to be paved is about .42 on a mile. We will purchase the property on March 1, 2018. Councilman Davis asked will you move forward to buy it or does it all depend on what we do. Mr. House stated know if the City does not pave the road we will purchase the land and divide it into 5 acre lots and they will have the option of any size house they want. City Manager Sumner stated that Mayor Pro Tem Barfield could not attend tonight, thank you to Mr. House and partner for speaking, this will be discussion item on Thursday night.

C. ZONING ORDINANCE-FOOD TRUCK TEXT AMENDMENT (CITY ATTORNEY)

Attorney Plumb stated that you all have a draft of amendment based on what has been discussed at previous meetings. I see that you want to regulate temporary vendors and food trucks. This amendment has guidelines for number of days, distance requirements, hours of operation and other specific data. There is an application process, it is on case by case basis and it can help to regulate noise issues and traffic. City Manager Sumner stated that if you all approve of this draft, we will send to Planning and Zoning Administrator and he will submit to the Planning Commission for consideration mid-March. We will then have it back to us at the May Council meeting for a Public hearing and vote to make changes to the current ordinance. Councilman Warren asked if the application would have to go to the Planning and Zoning Administrator first but would they still need City license. Yes they will need City license. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted.

D. CONSIDERATION OF BEER AND WINE SERVICE PERMISSION AT HAHIRA DEPOT (CITY ATTORNEY)

Attorney Plumb said due to state law a licensed caterer must have license to serve. There is special use for local municipality, you must make it part of the rental agreement that the Caterer is licensed to serve beer and wine by the drink. City Manager Sumner stated that if we allow this service we really need to spell it out in the application, they can use license from other location. We must make sure that it states there can be drinking in the building only.

E. LOW BID RECOMMENDATION FOR EAST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-TE FUNDS & SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

Sumner stated after a long journey I think this is all coming to a close. IT was decided to do the project in Phases, Phase I will be a portion of the sidewalk from East of the Middle School to Hagenbridge Road. We will have bid opening tomorrow and return Thursday night with the low bid recommendation.

F. RESOLUTION FOR SUNDAY ALCOHOL PACKAGE SALES REFERENDUM (CITY MANAGER)

We have a request for Referendum to be put on the May 22nd ballot and we need to adopt the resolution to put that on the ballot. IT will need to be voted on 30 days before the election. This is a request from the merchants of Hahira to have package sales on Sunday. Lowndes County and Valdosta currently have package sales on Sunday. Sumner said that we may want to charge additional fees for Sunday sales and this can be investigated and put on the fee schedule. Councilman Davis said so we will need to adopt a resolution at the next meeting and deliver to call by March 22, 2018 and this is just a resolution to put it on the ballot. Sumner stated yes.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. 2 VEHICLE PURCHASES-SPLOST VII (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis said that he would like to purchase two new vehicles and take the two 2008 Crown Victoria's out of service. The bids are in your packet and it would be about \$70, 000 which is in the current budget to purchase two new Ford Explorers. This would come out of SPLOST VII funds and the funds are available.

B. LIFT STATION SEWER PUMP-SPLOST VII (PWD WARREN)

PWD Warren said that he would like to purchase a new sewer pump for the lift station at the east side of town. The current pump has been rebuilt several times and we need a replacement. The replacement would cost \$5,158.00 and would come out of SPLOST VII funds that are available.

C. CITY HALL HVAC UNIT-SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the A/C unit at City Hall went out, the low quote to replace it is \$3,510.00 for the air handler. This would be paid out of SPLOST VII funds and the funds are available.

D. APRIL AGENDA DEADLINE & PACKET DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that he will be off and out of town the last week of March. I would like to change the agenda deadline to Tuesday, March 20th and the distribution date to Friday, March 23rd. I would like to move it up a week because I will be out of town.

SET MARCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA (MAYOR CAIN)

- Developer Request for Propose South Hall Street-Brookridge Drive Development
- Low Bid Recommendation for East Main Street Sidewalk-TE Project
- Resolution for Sunday Alcohol Package Sales Referendum

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SET MARCH CONSENT AGENDA (MAYOR CAIN)

-2 Police Vehicle Purchases-SPLOST VII

-Lift Station Sewer Pump-SPLOST VII

-City Hall HVAC Unit-SPLOST VII

-April Agenda Deadline & Packet Distribution Schedule

-Honeybee Festival

-Zoning Ordinance Food Truck Text Amendment-Submission to the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission

-Beer and Wine Service Permission at the Depot

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

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN