

CITY OF HAHIRA
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn. Councilman Terry Benjamin, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and PWD Donnie Warren were 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. MARCH 5, 2019 WORK SESSION**
- B. MARCH 7, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Pastor Mike Wells stated he just wanted to give an update on the needs assessment survey, we have about 8 neighborhoods with about 500-600 homes. We have 250 homes represented by input and we should finish Monday night. We had thank you from the Audubon Heights neighborhood, thanking the City for asking our opinion. I feel it has been very interesting and we have received requests for practical things. We have a good mixture of people and good feedback. Thank you to the City for providing food for the people doing the surveying.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. SANITATION CONTRACT (CITY MANAGER)

Sumner stated at the Retreat we discussed the Sanitation contract. We have been with the current provider for the last 10 years. The contract from 5 years ago will expire at the end of the year. We discussed options and I would like to know how Council would like to proceed. We can renew with the current provider at a 50 cent increase and reduction in fuel surcharge if needed and all the other items would be the same. We can do a request for proposal, solicit providers with no specific requirements and have them come in and give presentation. Or the City can take over the Sanitation, we can let the contract expire and do investigations on pricing. I did check into what the surrounding Cities are charging and we are \$4-5 cheaper than everyone else. The charges range from \$16.00 to \$28.00 for trash pick-up. Councilman Warren said I am inclined to go back to G-Waste, I do not think we will get anyone to come in cheaper. The cost to the customer will increase if our cost increases a lot. Sumner stated that he had a 3% increase in the current contract that he never assessed. Warren stated that I think we should look at the contract first, we have had 10 solid years and no complaints. Mayor Pro Tem Davis said I was not hear for the discussion on Tuesday night but it is my understanding that we need to stick with what we have, I think it is the best. Sumner stated that everyone wants to extend the contract that is no problem, I will work with the provider on a new contract and put it on the agenda for a vote. **A motion as made by Councilman Barfield to give City Manager Sumner permission to draw up new contract which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

B. RAILROAD LEASE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PARKING (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the new contract has been reviewed by Attorney and no issues. There is a provision on insurance and there may be a premium change and I think we need to wait on this information. I would like to postpone until next month. **A motion was made by Councilman Warren to postpone until the May meeting which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis. Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMPUTERS-SPLOST VII-FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- B. HMS ARCHERY DONATION REQUEST \$1,000**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said thank you for coming tonight, I hope you have a good night.

Councilman Warren said welcome to spring and thank everyone for their hard work. Thank you all for being here tonight.

Councilman Barfield said Amen to what has been said, thank you.

City Manager Sumner said we had a great month. Please check at the City Page we will be posting events for Georgia Cities Week soon.

Mayor Cain said thank you to the Council and the department heads for the good job they do. Thank you to the Fire department, Police department and PW department on all that you do. Thank you to the Council, you make my job easy. Thank you to the City Manager, City Clerk and Finance Director.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN