

CITY OF HAHIRA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 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: Terry Benjamin, Mason Barfield, Patrick Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis. PWD Donnie Warren, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and Police Chief Terry Davis 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. AUGUST 22, 2019 12 P.M. AND 6 P.M. MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING**
- B. AUGUST 29, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**
- C. SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 WORK SESSION**
- D. SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Mayor Pro Tem Davis made a motion to**

approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. FY20 BUDGET FINAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that this is the final step in the budget process for FY20. We had the preliminary budget approved last month. The FY20 budget was advertised in the Valdosta Daily Times and posted at City Hall. We had no questions from citizens. Do we have any questions from Council? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the FY20 Budget. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the FY20 Budget. None noted. **Councilman Warren made a motion to approve the FY20 Budget which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: NONE

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSION:

ALL MOVED TO CONSENT

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. FFY18 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD-\$76,000; 5% REQUIRED MATCH-SPLOST VII**
- B. CLERK'S WINTER CONFERENCE**
- C. TWO PUMPS FOR STRAYFIELD-\$30,000 TOTAL-DONALD SMITH COMPANY-SPLOST VII**
- D. METAL ROOF FOR COMMUNITY CENTER-\$12,675 JOHN BAILEY-SPLOST VII**
- E. POLICE UNIFORMS \$5,200-SPLOST VII**
- F. 2020 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
- G. 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 10**
- H. FY20 RETREAT-FEBRUARY 7**
- I. FY19 CHRISTMAS BONUS AND EXCESS SICK LEAVE**
- J. HEALTH INSURANCE-ANTHEM SWITCH**
- K. 2020 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT-GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**
- L. COASTAL PLAINS EOA APPOINTMENT-CATHY DANIELS**

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Davis said that he appreciates everyone attending tonight and the work that the staff does regularly and this upcoming weekend for the Honeybee Festival. It is a lot of work and I appreciate

the work you do. I got to stand in for the Mayor on Tuesday night because he was sick and I enjoyed it. Thank you all again.

Councilman Warren said he would like to second what was said, the Honeybee is a fun time, and there are a lot of people in town and a lot of trash. You can go through on Sunday morning and it is clean and I appreciate that. I appreciate the Police and Fire department for the work they did at Big Foot last week that was a difficult situation.

Criminals have no regard for other people. It was difficult for the first responders and I appreciate what you do. There was nothing that we could have done to prevent it, it is very sad to lose a life. Thank you all.

Councilman Barfield said ditto to what was said, I am looking forward to the weekend, people come in from all over. I have total confidence in our people out there and I hope all goes smooth. I appreciate all that you do, I know from history that it is organized and a good time for all. Thanks for all you do.

Councilman Benjamin thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve District 1. Thank you to Mayor and Council on the way you handle matters. We have been giving the Christmas bonus for 35 years now and our employees deserve it. There are a lot of cities that do not do that. Also on the Health insurance for the City to pay 100% of the healthcare is a big deal. It is a great thing that we continue to invest in our employees. The Employees are what the people see and my hat is off to every employee.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, thank you to the front office staff and to Emily for the wonderful job they do. Thank you to our Public Safety, they exceed the expectation and we appreciate the job they have done and will do. Thank you to Public works for all they do and have done. They work around the clock to get things ready for the Honeybee. Thank you all.

Mayor Cain said I concur with all that has been said. Donnie's crew has been working hard to clean up the City and I appreciate that. Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Davis for stepping in Tuesday night, I was under the weather. I hope everyone has a good, safe time this weekend, we will see a lot of people come into town, I hope everyone has a good and safe time. Thank you again to all the first responders.

A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Benjamin. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Benjamin, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Davis all voted in favor of the motion.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN