

CITY OF HAHIRA

WORK SESSION

JULY 9, 2019

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on July 9, 2019 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Mason Barfield, Terry Benjamin and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Davis City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. JUNE 4, 2019 WORK SESSION
- B. JUNE 6, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

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

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. HARDWARE & SOFTWARE UPGRADES – SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that it is time for Software/Hardware Update per IT provider. We renewed the contract back in June and now we need upgrades. The IT provider stated that the upgrades would be around \$25,000 to cover the 20 work stations. I spoke with the department heads and they all agreed that the hardware is working fine and they think we should keep what we have for the next 2 years. The IT provider said they we do need additional memory and thinks we can upgrade 10 work stations at a cost of \$2526.00. This is a SPLOST VII expense if we decide to do the upgrade. The Mayor asked if we have any questions. None noted.

B. SWING SET FOR CITY PARK-SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

The Swing set at the City Park has been a problem for some time now, breaking and being repaired many times. IT was damaged a few weeks ago and needs to be replaced. Now we have three wood posts with two swings and we would like to replace it with more substantial metal swings. We received several quotes that are in your packet but the low bid is at Lowes and the cost is \$1943.58. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Warren said since we are replacing do we want to upgrade with maybe little Tykes brand. Sumner stated that the quote was \$3800.00 for the little Tykes brand which is double the price of the low bid.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERATOR-SPLOST VII (FIRE CHIEF BENNETT)

Fire Chief Bennett would like to request a stand- alone generator for the Fire department. We need to upgrade the generator for when storms come through. We made do last time with what we had and it was the bare essentials. The Fire Department is the Control hub for the City during the storms and we need something that will last for more days and not just 24 hour period. I received two quotes for propane powered generators. Ray and Son for \$24,199 and Anderson Power Equipment at \$19,484. We would also need 500 gallon LP tank which could run 100% for 4 days. Barfield Gas said the hook up and tank with gas would be \$1,058.00 and this will include set up. Councilman Warren said he just had Emergency preparedness class in Savannah and I did not realize we did not have this. Fire Chief Bennett we do have small generator and it is make shift and does not last for long. Councilman Warren said is propane better than diesel powered generator? Chief Bennett said it is the accessibility to the fuel during a storm and it can be hard to get gas, if we have LP tank we could be set for 4 days. The LP gas company said all we have to do is call for fill up and unless weather to bad then they would be out in 24 hour period. Councilman Barfield said so this is the cost for Unit, Gas tank, set up, wiring box and all is included, turnkey. Yes it is. The Mayor asked if any had questions. None noted.

D. DEMOLITION OF OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated at the last DDA meeting they requested that the City demolish the old fire department building across from City Hall. We contacted CPEI for a quote to remove the asbestos from the building at the cost of \$3,100 which was approved at the last meeting. The building was cleaned out and it is ready for abatement. IT was decide that we would get quotes for the demolition of the building. We received a quote that is in your packet from Cooper Equipment at the price of \$15,000 which included the concrete pad. CPEI gave a quote of \$14,000 which also included the concrete pad. Staff recommends that we use CPEI for the demolition and this is not a SPLOST VII eligible expense. It would be paid out of the General fund. At a future date we will get estimates for parking lot once the building is down. Councilman Warren said would it be dirt once this is all done. Sumner stated yes and the lot goes all the way back to the side of the building. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. Councilman Barfield said I hate to bring this up but I would like to make a point to remind everyone that we need to put off as many projects as possible to save money for the project at the City center. We discussed tightening our belts and save funds. I would like to remind everyone to evaluate this closely, maybe put this project off. If we put it on the Consent agenda we need to be mindful about keeping money for Depot area.

SET JULY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-Demolition of Old Fire Department Building

SET JULY CONSENT AGENDA:

-Hardware & Software Upgrades-SPLOST VII (2,526.00)

-Swing Set for City Park-SPLOST VII (1,943.00)

-Fire Department Generator-SPLOST VII

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

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CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN