

CITY OF HAHIRA

WORK SESSION

JULY 30, 2019

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on July 30, 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 MEETING MINUTES:

A. JULY 9, 2019 WORK SESSION

B. JULY 11, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

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

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSION:

A. USAGE OF DEPOT OFR 2020 ELECTIONS (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the Supervisor of Elections Deb Cox contacted him regarding using the depot for elections. She said she was impressed with the building and would like to hold elections there next year. This would be at the decision made by Council. It is currently held at the Historical Society. I do not have any specifics on a plan and I do not think it would be more space for them. Councilman Barfield said maybe they are thinking it would be a central place and more visible. I would think

they would have to move in petitions because we do not have separate rooms like it is set up now at Historical society. The Mayor said he spoke to Tim Coombs and he knew nothing about it or had no comment. The Mayor stated we would have to see how they would want to set it up, I am not thinking it is big enough. Councilman Barfield said would the sidewalks and parking be done by that time or would it be under construction. We need to think about that. I think we should invite her to September meeting to discuss the plan and get a verbal sketch. Councilman Warren said I think it would be good use of the building but making two separate rooms would be a lot of work.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. SPLOST VIII AGREEMENT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated we have the SPLOST VIII agreement and it was approved back in May 2019 and we have about \$45,000 additional expected funds that we changed and added to the Water/Sewer. This is the final project list, if approved on Thursday night then the Mayor would sign and we can get it back to the County Attorney for the November election.

B. GEORGIA RURAL WATER FALL CONFERENCE (PWD WARREN)

PWD Donnie Warren stated this is a request to attend the Georgia Rural Water Fall Conference in October. The cost will be about \$900.00 and would include a room for three nights.

C. DEMOLITION OF OLD FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING (CITY MANGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this was postponed at the July meeting so that Councilmembers could inspect the building and talk to citizens to see how they feel. The Mayor talked to the demolition man and the price is good for 90 days, we can move forward or postpone another 30 days.

Councilman Barfield said can we put this on the consent agenda to approve the \$14,000. Councilman Warren said I requested a delay to speak to people and there was not a lot of interest. IT is not a full lot and there is not much we can do with it. Maybe parking but I think it would be a hard sale to find a reason to save it. The Mayor stated it is a block building with

no historical value. Councilman Barfield said that it would be great for someone if tied in with the Stalvey property. I think we should take it down so that people can see what is there. Barfield asked if we are comfortable financially taking the building down. Yes stated Sumner it would come out of the General fund. The Mayor stated there are no front set-backs only side set-backs and I think we would only have two possible interested people if it is empty lot. We could sell it or maybe come up with parking lot. We can come back at later time with designs when we have LMIG money. Councilman Warren said yes he would like to clear it and see what people want to see there and revisit at a later time. Sumner stated at this time the only thing before you is the demolition.

FY19 COLA (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner said August is budget time, the budget can sustain a 3% cost of living increase for the employees. The payroll is approximately \$20,000 per week and 3% would be \$600.00 per week from this point.

Councilman Warren stated I think everyone deserves 3%, I think we should take care of our employees a little bit to say thank you.

SET AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

All moved to consent agenda.

SET AUGUST CONSENT AGENDA:

-SPLOST VIII Agreement

-Georgia Rural Water Fall Conference

-Demolition of Old Fire Department Building-\$14,000

-FY19 COLA

City Manager said he would like to add that we will need to have a Special Called Meeting in August for the Millage rate. There will be Public Notice. We did not get the numbers in time for meeting and we must have back to them by August 30th. We would have Public hearing at Courthouse on August 22nd at noon and 6 p.m. and Special Called Meeting on August 29th at 6:00 p.m. and the Council

would need to attend the Special Called Meeting. IT is recommended to hold the millage at 4.75 which is considered a tax increase but no increase in the Millage.

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

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN