

Council Meeting June 4, 1998

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Jesse Griffin, Arnold Williams and Beverly Martin; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow Blue; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adams gave the invocation. Visitors were welcomed and a quorum established.

Council Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 7 and 14, 1998, seconded by Council Harris. Vote unanimous.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Old business: Mayor Adams reported on a contract with the County to repair potholes which was tabled at last month's meeting. He said that when the **County pothole repair crew** was in the area they would check with the city and see if there were any potholes that needed repair and perform the work while they were in the area. If repairs were immediate work was required, they could be called. Council Harris made a motion to enter the contract for one year, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

New Business: Interlocal Agreement: Mayor Adams reported that this was a joint ordinance to establish a process to resolve land disputes between the city and county on annexed property. He recommended approving the agreement, subject to our City Attorney's review. This has to be done by July 1. Council Williams made a motion to enter agreement with City Attorney's review, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams called on Ms. April Miles, Hahira/Lowndes County Community Outreach Development Corp., who requested the use of the Recreation Center on July 13 through July 17, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Council Harris made a motion to approve the request as read, seconded by Council Griffin. Vote was unanimous.

Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mayor Adams recommended adopting the plan. Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the plan as stated, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Sanitation pick-up Laurel wood Estates: John Thursby, Public Works Director, reported that he had contacted Mr. Hubert Chancy on this and he was in agreement. He requested that the \$20.00 deposit on Sanitation be waived on current customers and to implement a \$55.00 deposit for water/sewer and sanitation on customers starting on July 1, 1998. Council Griffin made a motion to make the necessary changes as stated, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Purchase of garbage containers: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, requested purchasing 60 garbage containers for Laurel wood Estates and Judy Ann Drive. Total for the containers would be \$3,240.00 from Consolidated. This is a budgeted item. Council Williams made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Council Griffin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Purchase of pipe locating equipment: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, requested a Goldak Model 5600SI pipe locator for \$982.00. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Purchase of fire hydrant locks: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, requested purchasing five Hydro Shield locks at \$192.00 ea. - Total \$960.00., also two wrenches. Council Harris made a motion to purchase the Hydro Shield locks, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Council Martin amended her motion to include two wrenches. Vote was unanimous.

Handicap ramps at intersection of Main and Church Streets: Mayor Adams reported that \$5,000.00 was approved last September for modifications to the sidewalks and handicap ramps. A bid was received for \$8,200.00. Mayor Adams recommended we seek more bids. Council Griffin made a motion to seek lower bids, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Compliance Maintenance Resolution for Ga Dept of Natural Resources: Public Utilities Director, John Thursby reported on the resolution. Council Harris made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Drinking water service contract renewal: Council Williams made a motion to sign the contract, seconded by Council Martin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Prisoner bus transmission: Council Williams made a motion to repair the transmission, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Cell phone for Public Works Director: Mayor Adams reported on the cell phone. Cost would be \$30.00 per month. Council Griffin made a motion to purchase the cell phone, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Re-visit Police Dept. GCIC computer purchase: Chief Blue reported that the cost would be \$1,525.00. \$625.00 had been approved. Council Martin made a motion to purchase the addition to the computer, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Employee cost of living increase: Mayor Adams reported that the cost of living increase would be 3%. Council Griffin made a motion to go along with the 3% increase, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

City Hall renovations, DCA Grant: Mayor Adams reported on renovations for City Hall. The city received a \$25,000 grant from DCA for the renovations. Council Harris made a motion to start the renovations, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Interim City Manager: Mayor Adams stated that he would continue as interim City Manager until a new City Manager is hired, with Council's approval. Council approved.

Resident request to install irrigation well: Mayor Adams reported that Rodney Radcliff had sent a letter requesting city approval of a well, for irrigation only, on his property. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, if he gets a permit from the county, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Martin had no report.

Council Williams had no report.

Council Griffin reported that the trees and flowers were looking good Weeding and mulching would still have to be done. Citizens yards looking better around town. He asked everyone to pick up trash when they saw it around town. Also complimented citizens on their well kept yards and made special notice of 301 N Church St. and 203-A E. Grace St.

Council Harris offered his support to Mayor Adams in his work as interim City Manager.

Mayor Adams reported that the W/S project on Hwy 122 had been rejected by the EPD. He will be going to a meeting on the 16th in Atlanta and will talk with them. They have tentatively agreed to allow the city to go as far as the Dental Clinic with the sewer line.

Geo Sciences notified Mayor Adams that contamination was found at one of the wells that were drilled for samples from the underground storage tank. The site of the contamination was next to the street.

Mayor reported on the purchasing of fuel for city vehicles. The current system doesn't seem to be working very well. He will be working on a solution to this problem.

There are 19 applications for the City Manager's position. The Council will go over the applications soon. Deadline for applications will be Monday.

The City of Valdosta has offered to accept Hahira's garbage at the Weatherington Landfill at a cost of \$25.00 per ton. This will save the city \$6.50 per ton. The average for a week is 26 tons of garbage. The pick-up could start on July 1, 1998. Council Griffin made a motion for the change, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

The July Council Meeting will be held on July 9th due to independence day holiday weekend.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City