

**Council Meeting
October 8, 1998**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, October 8, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse, with Mayor John Adams presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Arnold Williams, Jesse Griffin and Beverly Martin; City Manager, David Phelps; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow W. Blue, Jr; City Attorney, Willie Linahan.

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

The invocation was given by Mayor Adams. Visitors were welcomed and a quorum established.

Council Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of September 3rd, as written, seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Council Martin made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing to set the millage rate to fund the City Budget for FY-99. Mayor Adams reported that the millage rate would remain at 6 mills and asked Council to adopt the millage rate.

Council Griffin made a motion to adopt the millage rate at 6 mills, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor asked for initial approval of FY-99 Budget. Council Harris made a motion to initial approve the FY-99 Budget, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked Council to set the Public Hearing date on the Budget for October 29, 1998.

Council Griffin made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing for October 29, 1998, at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Council Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on recommendations by the Hahira Zoning and Appeals Board on three requests. (1) Request by Mr. James D. Cone, 1300 Hwy 122 W, (Motel) for a variance of 10 ft of the front yard setback to build an awning for the gas pump island. Mr. John Williams, owner, spoke in favor of the request. Council Griffin made a motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(2) Mr. Steven Wainright's request for a special exception to establish a home occupation at 303 Hagan Bridge Road: The Zoning Board approved of Mr. Wainright's request. Council Harris made a motion to approve Mr. Wainright's request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

(3) Ameris Corporation, on behalf of Smith Hospital, requested a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance. Their request is to locate a temporary building to house scanning equipment at the hospital. This will replace a semi-trailer that now houses the equipment. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Council Griffin made a motion to approve their request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

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Citizens Wishing to be Heard: (1) Krystal Carter and Lashana Palmer spoke on Ms. Sheila Warren's request that the Mayor proclaim November 7, 1998 as "Drug Free Day" in Hahira. Their plans are to have a rally in Webb-Miller Park from 10 AM to 8 PM on November 7, 1998. Council approved.

(2) Ms. Adeline Landrum, Chairman of the Hahira Honey Bee Festival, thanked the city for helping during the Honey Bee Festival.

(3) Mr. Burt Chancy requested city support for the United Way Fund. Mayor Adams stated he had the city's support.

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

(A) Mayor Adams read a Proclamation on Domestic Violence.

(B) City Manager, David Phelps, read a resolution to apply for a "Better Hometown Program" application. This will need to be signed by Mayor and Council.

(C) Chief Yates of the City of Remerton Police Department presented Chief Blue with a video camera and a plaque of appreciation.

(D) Mayor Adams reported that a letter to Georgia Department of Transportation concerning a request for installation of high mast lighting for Exit 7 needed council approval. The city would be responsible for electricity and maintenance costs. Council Griffin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager, Phelps, requested approval of \$1,500.00 for city Christmas decorations. Mayor Adams recommended approval of his request. Council Griffin made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

City Manager asked for Council's approval of an amendment to the Atlanta Gas Light Co. Franchise ordinance. Council Harris made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Council Williams. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Beverly Martin apologized for missing last month's meeting as she was in Atlanta at a GMA meeting at the time. She had no report.

Council Williams had no report.

Council Griffin commended Ms. Sheila Warren and the two young ladies present, on their work in promoting "Drug Free Day" in Hahira.

Council Harris reported his appreciation for Ms. Warren and the two young ladies for their work in promoting "Drug Free Day" in Hahira. He also thanked those officials present, representing the City of Remerton.

Mayor Adams asked Public Works Director, John Thursby, to move the city's grill to Webb-Miller Park for the drug free day on November 7th and volunteered the Mayor and Council members as cooks for the activities.

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to give City employees one hour of leave for each hour pledged to United Way up to a maximum of eight hours. Council Griffin made a motion to approve Mayor's request, seconded by Council Williams. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Clerk

Marilyn Brady, City

