

Council Meeting
May 4, 2000

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday; May 4, 2000, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, Sonny Copeland and Joel Hunnicutt; City Manager, Susan Doner; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Woodrow Blue.

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 of council was established.

Council Bullard made a motion to accept the minutes of April 6, 2000, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams asked for Council's comments on the bills. There were none.

Old Business:

Use of Community Center for karate classes: City Manager reported that the karate instructor had not signed the forms necessary to perform background check, therefore would not recommend holding the classes.

New Business:

(A) EMS Week Proclamation:

City Manager, Susan Doner, read the Proclamation designating the week of May 14 - 20 as "Emergency Medical Services Week". Council Harris made a motion to adopt the proclamation as read by the City Manager, seconded by Council Copeland. Mr. Tim Brogdon, Director of EMS, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Zoning variance for Chancy Healthcare:

Mr. Brian McDougal of the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reported on a zoning variance request for Chancy Healthcare at 205 E Main St. The request is to reduce the rear yard setback from 30' to 12' for the construction of a warehouse for the existing medical supply building. The Planning Commission recommended approval

of the request. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the variance, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Consideration of changes to Hahira Zoning Ordinance:

Mr. Matt Martin of the Planning Commission reported on adding two paragraphs to the zoning ordinance. After discussion, Council Harris made a motion to take the necessary steps to amend the zoning ordinance, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Department Requests:

Public Utilities Director, John Thursby, reported on Phase 1 of the Smith Park proposal. Plans are to install the parking area and two picnic areas in Smith Park. This would include two picnic tables, four benches and two grills which would be installed around the site. Total cost of the project would be \$8,326.51. Council Bullard made a motion to begin the project, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Geosciences installation of 2 groundwater monitoring wells:

Mayor Adams reported on the monitoring wells. Five wells have already been installed on City Hall property for the purpose of monitoring underground contamination. Two more wells will have to be installed in the area. One will be just north of City Hall. The other should be located in the lot adjacent to Jordan's Carpets, but the property owner has not yet consented to this. Cost of the project will be \$7,458.00, which will start in July. Council Harris made a motion to contract with Geosciences to install the wells, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Bid for Main street sidewalk project:

Mayor Adams reported on the sidewalk project, which will be on Main Street from Church Street to Railroad Street. Sidewalks on the south side of Main Street will be completely replaced. The sidewalks on the north side will be repaired. Two bids were received. One from Alvarez Concrete Service for \$32,473.43. The other bid was from Marcus Holt, Building Contractor, for \$32,476.00. Mayor Adams recommended Marcus Holt. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Resolution to observe the 25th anniversary of the ending of Vietnam War:

Mayor Adams read the resolution, which commends all Vietnam Era/Vietnam Veterans and their families and to recognize May 5 - 7, 2000 as the 25th Observance of the ending of the Vietnam War; and for other purposes. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Electronic Commerce Equity Resolution:

Mayor Adams reported on the Electronic Commerce Equity Resolution. City Manager, Susan Doner, read the resolution. Council Harris made a motion to adopt the resolution as read, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Request to install streetlight on West Stanfill Street:

Mayor Adams reported on Council Copeland's request to install a streetlight on the corner of West Stanfill and Newsom St. Council. He stated he had looked at the area at night and felt the light would be better utilized at the curve on West Stanfill, Street by Mr. Grover Chandler's house. Council Copeland made a motion to install the light, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(j) New phone and line for Chamber office at Courthouse:

Mayor Adams reported on a request for another telephone line for the Chamber office to serve the fax machine and the internet connection for the computer. Cost of the installation would be \$66.00. This would add \$12.50 to the monthly phone bill. Council Harris made a motion to approve the request for the telephone line, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Council Reports:

Council Copeland stated that a merchant in District 1 had requested that the streets be swept and cleaned South of the railroad to Marshall Street. Also a request for a handicap ramp on the corner of W. Main Street and N. Hall Street.

Council Hunnicutt had no report.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Harris had no report.

Mayor Adams reported that the City received a CHIP grant for housing. Four houses will be built. One will be built by the Valdosta Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity affiliate and three will be built by private contractors.

Mayor Adams reported C&B Mechanical Construction Company completed the water/sewer project at the Business Park except for some clean-up and final inspection. Stevenson & Palmer Engineering is working on plans to extend water lines through the park and loop back to the main on Union Road. Also construction of an elevated water storage tank for the business park.

Mayor Adams reported that there was a bid opening today on the wastewater project. City Engineers will have to check over the low bid to if everything is covered.

Mayor Adams reported that he, Council Harris and Public Utilities Director, John Thursby had met with school board members today to inspect the old high school to see if the city would want to use the building. Mayor Adams stated that he planned on starting a committee to study and to make a recommendation to the Council on whether the city should accept the offer.

Mayor Adams reported that many areas in the city that needed cleaning up and the sign and junk automobile ordinances needed stricter enforcing.

City Manager, Susan Doner, had no report.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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