

**Council Meeting
September 7, 2000**

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

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt and Sonny Copeland; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Fire Chief, J. C. Plair.

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

Mayor Adams called on Rev. James Hobbs to give the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum of council was established.

Council Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2000, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

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

There was no old business to discuss.

Mayor Adams presented and read a letter of recognition to Rev. James Hobbs for 12 years as pastor of Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Adoption of bond validation ordinance for waste water treatment plant financing:

City Attorney, Willie Linahan, reported that the ordinance needed to be adopted. Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(B) Adoption of Better Hometown Resolution:

Mayor Adams read the resolution. Council Harris made a motion to approve the resolution as read, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Approve up-dated LARP priority list:

Mayor Adams reported that the list needed to be up-dated. Three streets were to be added to the list.

Council Copeland made a motion to adopt the list, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Execution of DOT maintenance agreement for portion of old Highway 41 south within Hahira city limits during four lane construction :

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to execute the agreement. Council Bullard made a motion to

adopt the agreement from DOT, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(E) Execution of engineering services agreement with Stevenson & Palmer for TEA grant:

Mayor Adams asked for Council's approval to execute the agreement. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the execution of the contract with Stevenson & Palmer, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Georgia Power proposal for lighting at Hahira Middle School track:

Mayor Adams reported on installation of lights for the Hahira Middle School track. Prior to relocation of the track the City of Hahira had provided lighting for the track and the mayor recommended installation of new lighting at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00 to be shared by the Lowndes County Board of Education with the City of Hahira paying the monthly electric bill. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to re-light the track, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) The Mayor presented a proposal from Rountree Construction for improvements of Nelson Street from Highway 122 to Randall St. to include widening the street and putting curb and gutters along the street. He recommended doing the work. Council Bullard made a motion to table it until next month, seconded by

Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Hahira Historical Society request to use room in Community Center:

Ms. Barbara Milhous, President of the Historical Society, asked for approval to use the room at the Community Center to start a museum. The Historical Society received a grant of \$5,000 to be used for establishment of a museum. If not used soon the

money will have to be returned. Mayor Adams also requested an old computer no longer used by the city be made available for use by the society. Council Harris made a motion to make the room and computer available for society use, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Dr. Ben Moye request to abandon street and alleyway:

Mayor Adams reported on a request by Dr. Ben Moye asking the city to abandon an unnamed alley beginning at East Stanfill, Street and extending north behind the lots on North Church Street and his property. Also a portion of Owens Street from East Stanfill Street through his property. Mayor Adams recommended approval of the request with the street and alleyway being divided between the property owners adjacent to the unnamed alley and the unopened part of Owens Street. The property owners receiving the portions of the unnamed alley and Owens Street would bear the cost of surveying, platting and recording the additions to their property. Council Copeland made a motion to abandon the property and the unnamed alley, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous

(J) Mayor's request to develop City Christmas decoration incentive program:

Mayor Adams stated he wanted to develop a Christmas decoration incentive program and fund it with \$1,000 which was awarded to him upon being chosen as an outstanding community leader in the American Hometown Leadership Award program sponsored by the National Center for Small Communities (NCSC) and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to authorize development of the Christmas decoration incentive program, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(K) Make a Difference Day in Hahira on October 28, 2000:

Mayor Adams stated he wanted the city to participate in the annual "Make a Difference Day" and asked each council member to identify projects in each of their districts that could be accomplished by volunteers on October 28th.

(L) Mayor's requested rescheduling the October council meeting due to conflict with Honey Bee Festival:

Council Bullard made a motion to reschedule the October meeting to the 12th, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported that Chief Blue was resigning on October 16, 2000.

Mayor Adams reported on a cash donation made by Alltel Corp. to the new recreation facility.

Council Copeland commended Charles McCann on his cleaning the sidewalks.

Council Hunnicutt had no report, but commended Mayor Adams for filling in as City Manager.

Council Bullard reported on the new lights downtown.

Council Harris had no report, but echoed Council Hunnicutt's remarks commending Mayor Adams on his work as City Manager.

Patti Davis requested to purchase advertising space on the city map. The cost would be \$725.00. Council Harris made a motion to put Hahira on the map, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

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

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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