

**Council Meeting
February, 2001**

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor John Adams; Councils Bob Harris, Wayne Bullard, and Sonny Copeland; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis.

ABSENT: Council Hunnicutt.

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

Council Harris gave the invocation.

Visitors were welcomed and a quorum of council was established.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2001, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Adams reported on the bills and asked Council if they had any questions regarding the bills. There were none.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Report from Mr. Bob Megow, Chairman of Landscape Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Adams stated that Mr. Megow and the committee had completed their work and Mr. Megow was schedule to report on their work, but was not present to give a report.

(B) Mrs. Adeline Landrum representing Honeybee Committee:

Mrs. Landrum requested approval for use of the city sidewalks, closing N. Lowndes Street and assistance from city employees during the Honeybee Festival the first week in October. Council Copeland made a motion to approve the Honeybee Committee's request, seconded by Council Harris. Vote was unanimous.

(C) Mrs. Sheila Warren representing Teen Explosion:

Mrs. Warren had two requests to make. (1) That the mayor and council proclaim March 10, 2001, "Drug Free Day" in Hahira. (2) Request permission to use the Community Center on July 2 through August 3 from 8:30 to 1:30 for a Teen Explosion summer program. Council Harris made a motion to grant Ms. Warren's request to use the Community Center as described, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

(D) Mr. Bill Davis representing Magnolia Outdoor Media Inc.:

Mr. Davis requested permission to place benches and trash receptacles in several locations in the city requiring a to ten (10) years contract between the City of Hahira and Magnolia Outdoor Media Inc.. Each bench would have advertising space which would be tasteful and contain no alcohol or tobacco advertising. Mayor Adams asked that the contract term be shortened from to ten (10) years to (1) year. Council Harris made a motion to enter into the contract with Mr. Davis with the change in the length of the contract, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(E) TOPS Chapter GA 349 request to use Community Center room:

Mayor Adams reported on a letter of request from TOPS to move their meeting location from the City Courthouse to a room in the Hahira Community Center on Randall Street for meetings. Council Bullard made a motion to allow TOPS to use the Community Center seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(F) Department requests:

Police Chief Terry Davis requested permission to attend the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police conference this weekend. Funds are budgeted for this item. Council Harris made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Davis also requested approval to update the police departments inventory of hand-guns. The cost would be \$736.00 and would be paid from drug seized funds. Council Bullard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Copeland. Vote was unanimous.

Public Works Director, John Thursby, requested the city purchase an ice machine for \$950.00. The ice machine would be located in the Community Center and would be for city use and groups or individuals renting the center would pay an extra charge for ice to help defray the cost of the machine. Council Harris made a motion to approve

Mr. Thursby's request seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thursby also requested the city resurface Hagan Bridge Road from Highway 122 south for a distance of 3,300 ft south to the city limits. He presented two bids and recommended the bid from the Scruggs Co. Council Bullard made a motion to award the contract to the Scruggs Company and include the safety striping and the reflectors for a cost of \$42,376.42 to be paid with SPLOST funds, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thursby also requested a herbicide treatment for weeds at the hayfield. He recommended contracting with Adel Feed and Seed for the work at a cost of \$932.00. Council Harris made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to apply the herbicide to the land application field, seconded by Council Copeland. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thursby explained the need for three new valves to be added to the design of the upgrade to wastewater treatment facility. He requested a change order be made to the contract for the addition of the valves at a cost of \$3,950.00, for three valves. Council Harris made a motion to approve the request for the change order, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(G) Mayor Adams requested that Council approve execution or renewal of the following agreements and contracts with one motion.

Agreements for engineering and related services for CDBG Street and Drainage Improvements and TE Grant with Stevenson and Palmer Engineering, Inc.:

Renewal of Intergovernmental Agency Agreement (Planning) with Lowndes County, City of Valdosta and South Georgia RDC.

Modification #5 to contract #AAA-2000-15 for FY2001 between the city and South East Georgia RDC to provide nutrition program services for the elderly in Lowndes County:

Renewal of agreement with Georgia Municipal Association to provide assistance in Management of Telecommunications Services:

Council Harris made a motion to authorize Mayor to renew or execute these agreements, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(H) Cash Register purchase for City Hall and authorization for cash drawer for Police Department and South Georgia Regional Development Center Data Processing Proposal:

Mayor Adams recommended purchasing a new cash register for City Hall and to accept the South Georgia Regional Development Center Data Processing Proposal. Council Copeland made a motion to purchase a cash register and establish a cash drawer for the police department and to accept the proposal from South Georgia Regional Development Center, seconded by Council Harris. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

(I) Mayor Adams recommended putting \$200.00 in the Police Department cash drawer for making change for fines paid. Council Harris made a motion to proceed, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

(J) Mayor Adams read a proclamation designating February as Black History Month in Hahira.

(K) Mayor Adams read a proclamation designating February 16th as Arbor Day in Hahira.

Council Reports:

Council Copeland reported that the streets were clean and the city employees did a good job. He stated that he enjoyed his five days at the GMA convention.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Harris reported that he saw new growth in Hahira. He complimented citizens who helped in the city and groups like the Boy Scouts who recently collected donations of food for the hungry.

Mayor Adams reported on the transportation enhancement grant for repair or replacement of curbs, gutters and sidewalks, new streetlights and landscaping on West Main Street from the Norfolk Southern Railroad to Newsome Street that the city applied for. Engineers are proceeding with the design phase of the project.

Mayor Adams reported on a request for school zone signals and cross walks at the Elementary and Middle Schools from the Lowndes County Board of Education. Engineers, Public Works Director and DOT working on the design and cost to comply with the request. This is a safety issue for our children. He will attempt to have the cost estimates and design work ready for the March council meeting.

The courthouse roof shingles need to be replaced. He has requested contractors bid for the work

Mayor Adams reported, he and a committee of alumni of the old Hahira Consolidated School will have their first meeting with the Lowndes Board of Education committee appointed by Board Chairman Copeland regarding the fate of old Hahira Consolidated School building on Monday February 12, 2000.

A very successful groundbreaking for Wire Rope Hahira Corporation of America was held on the January 30th.

The entrance sign has been installed at the entrance to the Hahira Business Park.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

John F. Adams, Mayor
Brady, City Clerk

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