Council Meeting May 2, 2002

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, May 2, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, Joel Hunnicutt, Terry Benjamin and M. C. Nelson; City Manager, Danny Lucas; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Utilities Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis: Fire Chief, J. C. Plair; Bonnie Tindall, Better Hometown Program Director.

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Mayor Crowe called on Council Bullard to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Wilmon Stanley. Visitors were welcomed.

Mayor Crowe called on a motion to approve the April 4, 2002 Council Minutes. Council Bullard made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Council Hunnicutt. Vote was unanimous.

Review of bills: Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Department Requests

a. Purchase Police Uniforms

Chief Terry Davis requested approval to purchase the uniforms. This is a budgeted item. Cost would be approximately \$3,200.00.

A. Purchase of Two Police Bullet-Proof vests

Chief Davis also requested approval to purchase two bulletproof vests. Cost would be about \$800.00. The city can get a grant for 50% of the cost from GMA.

Council Nelson made a motion to purchase the uniforms and vests, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

B/ Consent Agenda

a. Re-Appoint Ora Bell Register to Hahira Housing Authority Board

Ms. Register has agreed to serve another 5-year term on the Housing Authority Board.

b. Accept Audubon Heights S/D Infrastructure

Mayor Crowe reported that the city has gone through the process for the water and sewer and the streets. Everything is in order; forms have been signed from the city and county.

c. Change Order - Courthouse Renovation

Mayor Crowe reported that the change order would be for refinishing the floors at the courthouse at a cost of \$2,875.00. Tricon Development to do the work.

d. Memorial Day Proclamation

Better Hometown Director, Bonnie Tindall, read the proclamation with Mayor Crowe finishing the last few lines. Councilman Bullard stated that there would be hot dogs, etc. served after the service for everyone.

e. EMS Proclamation

BHT Director, Bonnie Tindall, read the proclamation, with Mayor Crowe finishing the last few lines, declaring the week of May 19-25 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Representatives of the EMS were present as Mayor Crowe stated his appreciation for their work.

f. Resolution to Appoint Recorder's Court Prosecutor

Mayor Crowe called on Mr. Richard Shelton, Lowndes County Solicitor General, to come forward as he

read the resolution. Mr. Shelton briefed Council on the work he would be doing in the city as Recorder's Court Prosecutor.

Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

C. Great American Clean-up Report

BHT Director, Bonnie Tindall, reported on the Clean-Up Day and thanked Mayor and Council and everyone who helped with the clean-up.

D. Market Days & 5K Run Report

BHT Director, Bonnie Tindall, reported that the first Market Day would be Saturday, June 8th from 8 AM to 12 noon. There will be a 5-K run starting at 8 AM.

E. Motorized Carts Ordinance

Mayor Crowe reported that the city had been working on an ordinance for motorized carts in the city and had contacted several other cities in reference to their ordinances on motorized carts. He asked City Manager, Danny Lucas, to read the highlights of the ordinance to the citizens. Council Nelson made a motion to approve the ordinance as read, seconded by Council Benjamin. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

F. Bids to Replace City Hall Heating/Cooling system

City Manager, Danny Lucas, reported that the heating/cooling system at City Hall would be replaced with a new unit. Two bids were received. Council Hunnicutt made a motion to accept the bid from Coombs Heating and Air Conditioning, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

G. Hahira/Lowndes County Community Outreach Request - Sheila Warren

Mayor Crowe read a letter from Sheila Warren, requesting the use of the recreation center. Ms. Sheila Warren briefed Council on the plans for the summer program. Council Bullard made a

motion to allow them to use the Community Center for the summer program, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. Council

Council Benjamin reported that the Clean-Up Day on Saturday was a success. He thanked Public Works Director, John Thursby, and BHT Director, Bonnie Tindall for their work. He also thanked the Public Works Department on mowing the sides of roads in the city.

Council Hunnicutt echoed the same.

Council Bullard stated he was out of town on Clean-Up day, but he appreciated all of the citizens who helped. He also thanked the city workers who cooked on that day.

Council Nelson also commended the helpers.

b. City Manager

City Manager, Danny Lucas reported that he had spoken to the Teen Explosion group on Sunday.

c. Mayor

Mayor Crowe reported that the parks looked good. The Tennis Clinic has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11th. On May 23rd, the city will honor the teachers at the Hahira schools, by serving lunch at the Hahira United Methodist Church. The next Town Hall Meeting will be held on June 3rd at the Hahira Middle School.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn, as there was no further business to discuss. Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:30 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor Brady, City Clerk

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