

Council Meeting

October 9, 2003

The City Council of the City of Hahira met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. at the Courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen Wayne Bullard, M. C. Nelson and Terry Benjamin; Clerk, Marilyn Brady; Public Works Director, John Thursby; Police Chief, Terry Davis; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; Interim City Attorney, Rob Plumb.

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 given by Mr. Wilmon Stanley.

Mayor Crowe welcomed visitors.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 COUNCIL MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 12 (8:30 A.M.) AND 6:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 23 PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Council Bullard made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Text Amendment – City of Hahira Zoning Ordinance P.C. File #HA-2003-10

Mr. Alan Sloan, Comprehensive Planner of the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, reported that the staff is proposing a text amendment to the City of Hahira Zoning Ordinance that allocates final responsibility for interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Director. This amendment will allow the Planning Director to provide interpretations of ordinance language on behalf of the Zoning Administrator. The Planning Commission recommended tabling for one month for further review.

Council Nelson made a motion to table for further review, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

END

BUDGET MESSAGE AND OFFICIAL ADOPTION OF 2004 BUDGET

Mayor Crowe reported on the 2004 Budget and reviewed all departments.

Council Bullard made a motion to adopt the 2004 Budget, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

(A) Request for purchase of Firehouse software – Fire Department

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, reported that this was a software program that is mandated by the Georgia Fire Officials Office. Cost of the software would be \$965.00.

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase of the software, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Reappointment of Emory Mathis to Housing Authority

Mayor Crowe reported on the reappointment of Emory Mathis to the Housing Authority.

B. Make appointment to Lowndes County Planning Commission

Mayor Crowe reported that Brian Sumner had resigned from the Planning Commission. He stated that John Bailey had agreed to serve as representative.

C. Approval for Engineering Plans to be submitted by Stevenson & Palmer to EPD for Disinfection Unit

Public Works Director, John Thursby, reported on the plans for approval.

D. Approval for support of Triple Crown Retirement Program

Mayor Crowe reported on the retirement program.

E. Approval for Stevenson and Palmer to apply for Transportation Enhancement Grant

Mayor Crowe reported on the Grant, which would be for more sidewalks on W. Main Street and N. Church Street. The grant would be for 80% and In-Kind services would be 20%.

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

FLOOR REPAIR IN COURTHOUSE

Mayor Crowe reported on the floor repairs. Total cost would be \$2,262.50, which includes material and labor. **Council Benjamin made a motion to let the ADA Compliance Contractor do the repairs, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Councils Nelson and Benjamin voted yes. Council Bullard voted no. Motion passed.**

Mayor Crowe commended the Honey Bee Committee for a successful festival and parade. He stated that this year's festival was the largest that he had ever seen.

Carol Jacobs of the Honey Bee Festival Committee thanked the city for their help.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Nelson mentioned the homes being built around the city.

Council Bullard had no report.

Council Benjamin thanked the voters in District 1 for their support. He also thanked the Honey Bee Committee, Department Heads and employees in maintaining the city during the festival. He thought it was one of the best festivals he had ever seen.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crowe read a letter of resignation from Council Joel Hunnicutt , which became effective September 24th, 2003.

Mayor Crowe stated that nobody had qualified for District 3. Wayne Bullard will serve until December 31, 2003. District 3 will remain vacant for three months until March 2004.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn. **Council Benjamin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.**

Meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Myron Crowe, Mayor

Marilyn Brady, City Clerk