

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2005
COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor and Council met in a regular session on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the courthouse with Mayor Crowe presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Myron Crowe; Councilmen M. C. Nelson, Temple Ogundu, Terry Benjamin and Wayne Bullard; City Clerk, Janice Logue; Police Chief, Terry Davis; PWD, John Thursby; Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett; Finance Director, Ramona Robison; City Attorney, Rob Plumb; Recorder, Marilyn Brady.

Mayor Crowe stated that a quorum was present.

Mayor Crowe called on PWD, John Thursby, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed with the invocation given by Mr. Wilmon Stanley.

Visitors were welcomed.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MINUTES: JAN 6th COUNCIL MEETING

Council Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Ogundu. Vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BILLS

Mayor Crowe asked Council to review the bills.

PUBLIC HEARING

(A) CDBG #00px92-2-2377 CLOSE OUT - PARK STREET PROJECT

Mayor Crowe stated that this was to close out the project. Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the project to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those against the project to speak. There was no response.

Council Bullard made a motion to close out the Park Street Project and CDBG grant, seconded by Council Nelson. Vote was unanimous.

(B) HA-2004-16 TEXT AMENDMENT TO CITY OF HAHIRA SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS - Section 5-6.9

Jason Davenport of the Planning Commission stated that the last time he came there was a subdivision variance that came through that dealt with this issue. If you develop the property and the undeveloped property is adjacent to that property you should allow for streets to connect the undeveloped property so that you can go from one property to the next, if they are to be developed. This has two parts, commercial and residential. Staff had a request from the City of Hahira to remove both of those parts. After research, they came to the conclusion, while removing the residential part would be in the best interest of the city, it would also be in the best interest of the city to leave the commercial connectivity part. The Planning Commission recommended for it.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in favor of the amendment to speak. There was no response.

Mayor Crowe asked for those in opposition of the amendment to speak. There was no response.

Council Benjamin made a motion to approve the Text Amendment of the Subdivision Ordinance, seconded by Council Bullard. Vote was unanimous.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Wilmon Stanley, 308 Washington Street, complimented the Fire Chief on his work in upgrading the fire department.

APPROVE BID ON NEW FIRE STATION

Mayor Crowe stated that Richard Hill was the architect on the project. There were seven bids. Powell Construction Company had the low bid of \$233,200.00. They went to Richard Hill and had him talk to Powell Construction to work out some details on some things that could be deleted. After spending some time with Richard Hill and Fire Chief, Bennett, they came up with the base bill of \$233,200.00. They deducted \$11,065.00 for changing from aluminum to steel doors, \$875.00 for power and water, which brought it to a base bid of \$220,060.00. The exterior of the building was added (\$11,990.00). The total was back to \$233,250.00. Mayor Crowe proposed using \$150,000.00 of SPLOST funds and the balance from a CD at the bank.

Council Nelson made a motion to use \$150,000.00 from SPLOST and pay the balance with a CD, seconded by Council Bullard. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

APPROVE AUDITING SERVICES PROPOSAL

City Clerk/City Manager, Janice Logue, stated that two bids were received, Henderson & Godbee and the current auditor for the city, Gary Zeigler. They broke it down in two different categories, the technical aspect of the proposal and the cost proposal. She stated that the technical were similar. Henderson & Godbee was for 205 hours, Zeigler was for 170 hours. Henderson & Godbee's bid was \$ 18,400.00, which was an all-inclusive price. She recommended Henderson & Godbee.

Council Bullard made a motion to go with City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Council Nelson. Discussion followed. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approve Clerk & Finance Officer Conference March 23-25

City Clerk/City Manager, Janice Logue, asked council to approve the Clerk and Finance Officer's conference. Registration would be \$250.00 per person and \$99.00 for motel.

- (B) Approve Entering into Agreement with Smith-Northview Hospital for Chemical Tests

Police Chief, Terry Davis, asked for council's approval to enter into the agreement with Smith-Northview hospital for the chemical tests.

- (C) Approve purchase of garbage containers

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval to purchase 100 garbage containers at \$43.50 each from Heil South. This is a budgeted item. The city would pick up the containers.

- (D) Approve Water Conservation Plan

PWD, John Thursby, asked for approval of the Water Conservation Plan.

- (E) Approve Arson Investigation Training Feb. 18-19

Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, asked for approval for the Arson Investigation Training. The class would give them certification. Costs would be for motel, food and gas.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approve Agreement with SGRDC for Grant Submission to Correct Overflow Problem

Mayor Crowe asked Council to approve the agreement with SGRDC.

- (B) Approve Participation in Great American Cleanup - April 9

Mayor Crowe asked Council to approve the Great American Cleanup for April 9.

- (C) Approve Plans to Proceed with Dinner Honoring Moody AFB & Other Officials

Mayor Crowe asked Council to approve plans to proceed with a dinner honoring Moody AFB and State Officials.

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER - ANTHONY SERMONS

Mayor Crowe called Police Chief, Terry Davis and Anthony Sermons to come forward. Anthony Sermons was given the oath and sworn in as a new police officer for the City of Hahira.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Crowe called for Fire Chief, Dwight Bennett, to come forward. He presented a plaque to the Fire Chief for his work in getting an ISO rating of 4 for the city and upgrading the fire department.

Mayor Crowe reported that Poythress Environmental was paying the city back \$6,625.98 for mistakes they made.

REPORTS

- (A) Council

Council Benjamin thanked Council Ogundu on his getting a letter written.

He welcomed Anthony Sermons and thanked Fire Chief, Bennett on his service to the city.

Council Ogundu congratulated Anthony Sermons. He also thanked Fire Chief, Bennett for his work.

He stated that he had attended the Ethics Conference in Atlanta. He recommended that the city work on being a City of Ethics.

Council Bullard welcomed Anthony Sermons and thanked Fire Chief, Bennett for his work. He mentioned that there were several pot holes near the Methodist Church that needed to be fixed. He also mentioned the conference in Atlanta and everyone had a good time.

Council Nelson also thanked the Fire Chief for his work, and PWD, John Thursby. He welcomed Anthony Sermons to the city.

He stated that houses were still being built in Audubon Heights Subdivision.

(B) City Manager

City Clerk/City Manager, Janice Logue, stated that the 2nd newsletter would soon be out. They are soliciting for ads.

She mentioned Marilyn Brady's retiring from the city after 20 years of service. She has been contracted to record the minutes of the Council Meetings and to be a consultant to the city.

(C) Mayor

Mayor Crowe welcomed Anthony Sermons. He thanked Fire Chief: Bennett, for a good job.

They have been discussing the City of Ethics. Rough drafts have to be given to the Council for review. They will have to be approved by the GMA before the city will become a City of Ethics.

Mayor Crowe called for a motion to adjourn. Council Bullard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Benjamin. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8: 15 P.M.

Myron Crowe
Mayor

Janice Logue
City Clerk

Marilyn Brady
Recorder