

**HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2012**

**7:30 P.M.**

**COURTHOUSE**

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting December 6, 2012 at the Courthouse with Mayor Wayne Bullard presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wayne Bullard: Councils: Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Cain, Ralph Clendenin, Rose Adams, Terry Benjamin, City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, PW Director Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wayne Bullard

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Wayne Bullard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Wayne Bullard

**INVOCATION:** City Manager Jonathan Sumner

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:**

- A.) **October 28, 2012-Work Session**
- B.) **November 1, 2012-Council Meeting**
- C.) **November 13, 2012-Special Called Meeting**

The Mayor asked if any questions or corrections regarding the meeting minutes. None noted. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cain to accept the minutes as read which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Councilmember Adams voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

**NONE.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A.) **HA-2012-02 Variance Request by Allen Crump (P&ZA)**

Tracey Tolley of P&ZA stated that the variance request was to put up an LED sign at 1305 Ga. Hwy 125. This size of sign would be 68 square foot by 34 square foot. The LED would be in the gateway overlay to change out gas prices. She stated the planning commission could not recommend the variance cut that if Mayor and Council decide to approve that they would like to have considerations. 1. Board approved as shown size 2. Gas prices only change one time per day. City Manager Sumner then stated that the vote was 6-2 with Ted Raker making the motion to deny. The Mayor then asked if anyone had any questions. The Mayor

asked if anyone was wishing to speak in favor of the variance. Allen Crump of 4844 Bridgestone Road who is the sign contractor stated that the new LED sign is now a fad in the gas business. He stated that to change the old sign fonts was hazardous ordeal. He stated that the gas stations want to be competitive and wishes to have Mayor and Council vote in favor of the sign. The Mayor then asked if anyone wished to speak against the variance request. None noted. IT was then stated that the sign amendment already have temp basis due to DOT overpass ramps. **A motion to accept variance request HA-2012-2 with conditions stated was made by Councilmember Benjamin which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin voted against the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Cain and Councilmember Benjamin voted in favor of motion. Mayor Wayne Bullard voted in favor of motion breaking the tie.**

**B.) FY 12 Budget Amendments (City Manager)**

City Manager Sumner stated this standard procedure. He stated that last year on amendments. This year there is a change in Revenue due to traffic enforcement unit and extra expenditures. Sumner stated that as per code the budget has been advertised and copies are available at City Hall. No request from citizens. He then stated there are copies in folder. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of budget. None noted. The Mayor then asked if anyone was wishing to speak against. None noted. **A motion was made by Councilmember Clendenin to accept the FY12 Budget Amendments which were seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Benjamin and Council member Adams voted in favor of the motion.**

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions. City Manager Sumner stated in regards to the question from work session the item under contributions was a coding error; revenue cannot be coded to expenditure. He stated that a donation was received in the amount of \$1000.00 for furniture for the EMS building and this was the purpose of the expenditure. Councilmember Adams had a question regarding the amount of the landfill charges and inert debris charges. City Manager Sumner stated was not sure but would check on it and let them all know. She then asked if we have anyone in Leadership Lowndes course, Sumner stated no. **Councilmember Adams made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Benjamin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin voted in favor of motion to pay the bills.**

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**RICOH IT REPORT**

City Manager Sumner stated that the IT provider was present at Monday night work session and that one thing came out of meeting that everyone wanted to go to paperless agenda and that we need some form of interface. He stated that RICOH had talked to us about hardware unit and that the sales representative could not attend meeting tonight but that he would attend the meeting on January 7th. Sumner stated that we do have internet service now at Courthouse.

**ODOM BUILDING**

Mayor Bullard stated that everything is on schedule now and that the building should be empty first of year.

**STANFILL BUILDING**

The Mayor stated it will be the first of the year.

#### **MAYOR'S MOTORCADE-12/13/2012, THOMASVILLE**

Mayor Bullard stated he wanted to remind everyone about the Mayor's Motorcade on December 13, 2012 in Thomasville. He stated he would like for everyone to attend and bring donations. He stated that we will pull out around 8:00 a.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. PUBLIC WORKS ROOF**
- B. CITY MANAGER LAPTOP**
- C. BIRD SUPPER TICKETS**
- D. PURCHASE OF PAGERS-SPLOST VI**
- E. FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING**
- F. MOODY SUPPORT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION**
- G. CLERK'S CONFERENCE**
- H. SOFT START CONTROLLER-MAIN WELL-SPLOST VI**
- I. PUBLIC WORKS WATER PUMP & GENERATOR-SPLOST VI**
- J. 2013 CITY ELECTIONS-TO BE HELD BY ELECTIONS BOARD AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- K. REAPPOINTMENT OF TED RAKER TO GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Adams which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Benjamin voted in favor of motion.**

#### **A. JESSICA FREEMAN-PROBATION**

Chief Davis stated that Jessica Freeman is present if any questions. Jessica stated that she had forwarded the reports to them and that she did not have paper copies. She went over the report with Mayor and Council. Councilmember Clendenin asked what the City actually gets. Jessica stated about \$6,000.00. Chief Davis stated that we are fortunate to have an experienced probation officer. HE stated he looked forward to continuing with the plan and getting the money collected. Jessica Freeman stated that she has 10 years of experience with three cities that she works for. **Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to renew the contract for Jessica Freeman, Probation Officer which was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin. Mayor Pro Tem Cain, Councilmember Adams, Councilmember Clendenin and Councilmember Benjamin voted in favor of motion to renew.**

#### **B. G WASTE MANAGMEN-SOLID WASTE PICKUP**

Councilmember Adams stated that the contract ends December 31, 2012. She stated back in October and November she wanted it put out for RFP. She stated that she felt it should not be renewed without putting out for bid. Councilmember Clendenin stated that he agreed and that he feels we need to get the best deals for our citizens not to do business with friends; get the best prices. Mayor Bullard stated that you get what you pay for. **A motion was made by Councilmember Benjamin to renew contract for one year which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. Mayor Pro Tem Cain and Councilmember Benjamin voted in favor of motion. Councilmember Adams and Councilmember Clendenin voted against the motion. The Mayor voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilmember Adams thanked all for coming out and stated that it was happy to see smiling faces. She thanked Mr. Harnage, Pastor of the Church of God for the organized food bank. She stated that they gave 250 bags of groceries to those in need. She stated that she wanted to thank the sponsors; Hahira United Methodist Church and Northbridge Church for their support and help with the food drive. She stated she would like to remind everyone that Christmas in Hahira will be on Saturday from 10-4 and that they will have ice sculptures at 2:00 p.m. She asked that everyone make donations and attend if you can the Mayor's Motorcade for the Southwestern Stated Hospital and they really are in need. She thanked everyone for coming out and the honor and privilege to serve all.

Councilmember Benjamin stated he wanted to thank all for coming out and thank all the department heads for a job well done. He stated that we have a safe city and that our department heads always do a great job. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve and that he hopes everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Cain stated he would like to concur and thank the department heads on a great job. Thank you to Jessica Freeman the probation officer and keep up the good work. HE stated that he had gone on a brush fire call with Chief Bennett and enjoyed watching the work that they do. He stated that he knows the upcoming month is a hectic month for all and that he would like to thank all the citizens for coming out. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Clendenin stated that it was nice going last because everyone has said everything. He thanked all for coming out and he thanked Jessica for helping to see the bottom line. He thanked the Department heads and thanked Stacey for a job well done for the year of activities. He stated he hopes that everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday. Merry Christmas.

City Manager Jonathan Sumner thanked all for the opportunity to serve and that we have another year behind us and that he is thankful to be able to maintain all positions and to keep the insurance coverage at 100% paid. He thanked the department heads for 2012 and stated that he is excited for 2013. Thank everyone for their support and hard work. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Go Blazers.

Mayor Wayne Bullard stated that he wanted to thank all the department heads for their work on the budget and that they did an excellent job. He thanked the City Clerk , Sr. Finance Clerk and City Manager for the good job they do. He thanked the Council for all their hard work and he thanked all the citizens for the support that they give. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and do not forget about the Christmas in Hahira on Saturday.

**Mayor Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Benjamin made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cain. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

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**Mayor Wayne Bullard**

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**City Clerk Lisa Mashburn**

