

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 5, 2014

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting June 5, 2014 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Ralph Clendenin, Mason Barfield and Kenneth Davis. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn. Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin and Chief Dwight Bennett were not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: City Manager Jonathan Sumner

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. MARCH 31, 2014 WORK SESSION**
- B. APRIL 3, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING**
- C. MAY 15, 2014 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Mayor Bruce Cain asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the minutes. None noted. **A motion was made by Councilmember Clendenin to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. HA=2014-03 REZONING REQUEST BY FRED WETHERINGTON & LAURENCE NELSON (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barfield to table the request until the July 10, 2014 meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor to table.

- B. HA-2014-04 ANNEXATION REQUEST BY FRED WETHERINGTON & LAURENCE NELSON (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barfield to table the request until the July 10, 2014 meeting which was seconded by Councilmember Clendenin. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor to table.

C. APPLICATION OF ANTHONY K GILL, HARVEYS' SUPERMARKET-775 WEST MAIN STREET FOR PACKAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis stated that this request is in reference to change of ownership and stated the background check had no reason not to approve. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the name change. None noted. He then asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. **A motion was made by Councilmember Clendenin to approve which was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

Mayor Cain asked if anyone had any question or concerns regarding the bills. **Councilmember Davis made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

D. PROPOSALS FOR BOND REFINANCE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner said that on Monday night information was received from both Ameris Bank and Merchant Capital Bank. City Manager Sumner said that he had a few answers to questions from Council since the Monday night meeting.

From Ameris Bank it was answered no bank fees and that the attorney fees would cap at \$20,000, over that would be paid by Ameris Bank.

From merchant Capital the rate would be 2.96% which is savings of about \$21,000 per year and \$826,000 over the loan. The loan would be fixed rate for 10 years and up to 3.83% for 30 year. Councilmember Clendenin asked what the cost rate per customer would jump up. How much would it increase the water bills? Councilmember Barfield said that Mike Lee from Ameris Bank addressed this Monday night and said that we must have 1.1 debt time coverage and that if you can reduce expenses you may not have to increase the rates. But that if we do not refinance then we will have to raise rates. City Manager Sumner said the current debt service is \$159,000 to \$145,000 which a \$14,000 savings, about the same is. He said that in the 2013 year audit a little loss of \$15,000. Councilmember Barfield asked if we go this route what we would have to do with rates. Sumner said it all depends on the tap fees which depends on the housing. He said that the tap fees are a moving target and that some form of increase would be necessary. Councilmember Barfield said that our rates are low and that increases do occur and that he does not see this having a huge effect and said that the rates have not increased in the last 15 years. Sumner said that according to GRW analysis that we are in the bottom 15% of rates and that we are very affordable. He said that he feels modifications should be made and that it should be in

phases. He said that refinance is not a catalyst. Sumner said that it makes sense to do a rate increase but not due to refinance. Councilmember Barfield said that we all deal with same cost as other cities. Councilmember Clendenin said that we do not need to compare to other cities. **Councilmember Barfield made a motion to refinance loans with Ameris Bank, they live in our community which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Davis voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Clendenin voted against the motion. Motion carried.**

E. WEB SITE CONTRACT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner said that Tim Drexler advisor recommended Easy Site and we are currently in contract negotiations. Sumner said that they addressed the questions from Drexler, site assistance will be free for the first year and \$2,000 annually after that. The site cost will be \$6,900. Sumner asked if anyone had any questions. The Mayor said they have no subcontract work outside of the U.S. and that virus have been taken care of. Councilmember Davis said that we are guaranteed no sub-contractors outside of the U.S. and that if they are we can review any subcontractors. **Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve Easy site as presented which was seconded by Councilmember Barfield. Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. WATER AND WASTEWATER SOFTWARE UPGRADE-SPLOST VI**
- B. COURTHOUSE DOORS/TRIM-SPLOST VII**
- C. UPDATE EXTERIOR OF COMMUNITY CENTER-SPLOST VII**
- D. MOWER PURCHASE (2)-SPLOST VI**
- E. SURPLUS COMPUTERS**
- F. RESOLUTION FOR GEFA LOAN FOR DEEP WELL**
- G. TASERS-SPLOST VI**
- H. COPIER-SPLOST VII**
- I. COMPUTER SERVICES CONTRACT**
- J. FY 13 AUDIT**
- K. MS4 PERMIT-SPLOST VI**
- L. VALDOSTA GMA TRAINING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent Agenda. None noted.

Councilmember Clendenin made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Councilmember Clendenin, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Councilmember Clendenin said that it was nice to see new faces tonight and to come out for the activities in July. He said he had no complaints and that he was thankful for everybody doing their job. Thanks for coming out.

Councilmember Davis thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thank you for your support. Thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works.

Councilmember Barfield said ditto to what has been said and that he appreciates everyone coming out. HE said it was good to see a crowd and commend those in the field taking care of business in the great way that they do.

City Manager Sumner said he thanks the department head each month because they do a great job and it shows in the 2013 fiscal year audit, the General Fund was \$90,000 in the black. He said that he hopes we can all continue to provide good service and thrive.

Mayor Bruce Cain thanked everyone for coming out and said that he likes to see the crowd. He said that the department heads do a great job and said that we had a black out in the City and within 5 minutes everyone was working on it.

Mayor Cain asked for a motion to adjourn. **Councilmember Barfield made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Clendenin all voted in favor to adjourn.**

ADJOURN.