

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2016

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting January 7, 2016 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Kenneth Davis, Patrick Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis, PWD Donnie Warren and City Clerk Lisa Mashburn.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Wells

OATH OF OFFICE:

- A. COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 2 (KENNETH DAVIS)**
- B. COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 3 (PATRICK WARREN)**

Councilman Kenneth Davis and Councilman Patrick Warren are sworn in by Mayor Bruce Cain by reading the oath of office.

COUNCIL ELECTION-MAYOR PRO TEM:

The Mayor asked for a nomination for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Davis made a motion to nominate Councilman Terry Benjamin as Mayor Pro Tem which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor Cain stated that every year each Councilmember is assigned to oversee different departments in the City. The assignments are as follows: Councilman Barfield Fire and Planning & Zoning, Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin Police Department, Councilman Davis Parks and Recreation, Streets and Nutrition and Councilman Warren Water/Sewer and Sanitation.

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. NOVEMBER 30, 2015 WORK SESSION**
- B. DECEMBER 3, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or corrections regarding the bills. None noted.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Benjamin, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any concerns or questions regarding the bills. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. MS4 STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORY-SPLOST VII (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Jonathan Sumner said that on Monday night the program director with SGRC Rachel Strom presented a proposal for the mapping duties for the storm water permit required by the EDP and MS4 program. This will monitor storm water runoff, storm drains and ditches as the data for the metro area is gathered. The cost would be \$1,944.00 and this is a very good price. The SGRC knows what they are doing and this will satisfy the permit requirements. This is a SPLOST VII expense. Councilman Warren said this will cover the training and City Manager Sumner answered yes. Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (COUNCILMAN DAVIS)

Councilman Davis said on Monday night we discussed moving forward with the steps for the DDA. He said it is a step by step process. 1.) We need a resolution, this is a DDA State document that is changed to fit the City of Hahira 2.) We have the proposed map and it needs to be amended. 3.) We need to choose the 7 board members. HE said that he suggest that we start with the map. The Mayor went to the map to make the amendments for the public to view. Councilman Warren said that he is glad that we did not start all over, the basic questions regarding the DDA have been answered and that he is prepared to vote once the amendments are made to the map. The Mayor said that it was requested to take out the areas South of Grace Street, 122 East from red light one block at the stop sign @Southwest Street next to the old hospital building and 122 West at Harvey's Supermarket and move it to Union Road before the interstate, this will cut out a large area of the residential property.

The Mayor asked how everyone feels about the amended map. Councilman Barfield said that he feels it is a more compact area and this is what we need to have, it can be amended if needed in the future. All Council agrees with the amended map. City Manager Sumner said that the document needed to enact the DDA would be a resolution, he said that the input from all is greatly appreciated. On Monday night the Mayor asked everyone to come up with a list to nominate, he ask them to approach the ones they would like to nominate and find out if they

would like to serve. We now have a list of names. City Manager read the list of names with the terms as follows:

- 1.) Vicki Tomlinson of Monkey Britches, two year term
- 2.) Barry Robinson of Huddle House, two year term
- 3.) Ted Raker a developer and resident, four year term
- 4.) Kenneth Davis Councilman, four year term
- 5.) Bert Chancy of Chancy Drugs and Development, six year term
- 6.) Keith Altman of Altman and Barrett, six year term
- 7.) Tim Coombs of Coombs Heating and Air and City Café, six year term

The Mayor stated we have all the names of board members, DDA map and the Resolution do we have any more discussion or questions. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the board members, map and Resolution for the DDA as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.**

C. WELL #2-SPLOST VII (MAYOR CAIN)

The Mayor said we still do not have the cost estimate ready at this time that it may be another 2-3 days. We still have well 1 & 3 up and running just well #2 is down.

REPORTS:

Councilman Barfield said that this has been a good year and that it is good to see new folks come on board and that he is looking forward to working with them all. Congratulations to Councilman Warren and Councilman Davis. Thank you to the people who work in this City and do the day to day. He said that he is excited about tonight and he hopes it will encourage development. We have so much potential. Thank you to the City Manager, Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve and the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Thank you to the City Manager for your hard work on the DDA, thank you for letting the citizens know of the function of the DDA, it has been a long time coming. We are all in this City, we are invested in the Downtown and the future of the City. We have history to preserve. Thank you to all departments, job well done. He said he had a great year and is looking forward to a great new year.

Councilman Davis congratulated Councilman Warren and said that he is looking forward to working with him. Thank you for another four years to serve and to the Mayor Pro Tem on another term.

Councilman Barfield had great words of wisdom and he feels especially on the DDA that we can do great things in 2016 and beyond. He said that he takes the DDA and the board members very seriously, for a long time I have been for a DDA. I look forward to working with 6 other very intelligent business people. Thank you to the Mayor for allowing me to serve on the board. Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Councilman Warren said he is about Hahira. He said that he has a good heart and tries to find the good in things and people. Thanks to everyone for how nice they have been.

City Manager Sumner said thank you for all the kind words. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren. I look forward to working with you all. It is my 9th year and as I look at the pictures on the wall in the City Hall I think of all the debates and minutes that have been used to make the decisions for the City of Hahira, like Mr. Leland Clanton all the hard

decisions and he then realizes he is a part of something special. We are all trying to improve the City of Hahira, thank you for allowing me to be a part of the City. Thank you to all the department heads.

Mayor Cain said that he concurs with the younger generation and thank you for all coming out tonight. Thank you to the department heads, Chief Bennett, Chief Davis and PWD Warren. We would not have anything without their hard work, I appreciate their hard work. Thank you to the Councilmembers and to Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin it has been a pleasure. We may not see eye to eye but we get things done. Thank you to the City Manager, anything we ask him to do, he does.

A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Warren and Mayor Pro Tem Benjamin all voted in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN