

**CITY OF HAHIRA
APRIL 1, 2025
WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on April 1, 2025 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Klay Luke, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Stryde Jones and PWD Willie Jones. Councilman David Lindsey was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. MARCH 4, 2025 WORK SESSION

B. MARCH 6, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

C. FEBRUARY 7, 2025 RETREAT

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

**A. APPLICATION BY MARVIN BROOKS CONSTRUCTION LLC
FOR DUPLEX SPECIAL EXCEPTION AT 113 N HALL
STREET (PLANNING DIRECTOR)**

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administrator stated this is something that was presented in the past, same applicant with basically the same request. This is from 3 years ago they built duplex across the street from this but there will be no setbacks

because it fits the lot with plenty of space. IT will face W. Lawson Street which will be the inner Western side of Hahira. This will be a new development that will enhance that area that needs TLC and will help due to vacant property and wooded area. The Planning Commission viewed the Special Exception and voted in favor with 2 conditions. The parking will need to be 2 car parking on the side of the duplexes and must be paved with no parking on the yard or property. Also, there is a 1 year from approval expiration date. The Contractor is ready to build after approval, it is exactly like the . he built previously. It is a 20,000 square foot lot. Does anyone have any questions? Mayor Pro Tem White said she thinks as discussed with previous Police Chief that this will deter problems in that wooded area.

B. APPLICATION TO SELL DISTILLED LIQUOR BY THE DRINK BY HECTOR JOSE NUNEZ ON BEHALF OF EL CARRISAL MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 303 WEST MAIN STREET (CHIEF JONES)

Police Chief Jones stated background check was good and there was nothing to prevent this license. It is an add on to the current license that he has. The ad did run in the paper as required. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. PREVIEW OF PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR MORTGAGE COMPANY AT KINGS COURT-SOUTH CHURCH STREET (WORK SESSION-ACCELERATED BUILDERS)

Accelerated Builders would like to take part A of the 6-B building that they have office in and lease to mortgage company. The building space is 50 x 100 and it would house three offices for Bank South Mortgage Company. Because it is classified as Bank it would require Special exception to operate. They would not have money on premises or drive thru, it is strictly for offices to process mortgage paperwork. There would not be a lot of traffic in and out. It will need to be considered and voted on at the June Council meeting.

B. PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR SOUTH LOWNDES STREET-AUTHORIZATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated in the past we have closed many streets in this area and we have a proposed vacation of the right of way. It is currently 60 ft right of way with some areas in town having 60-50-40 right of way in error. We would like to change and take 10 ft of each side and make 40 ft right of way. It has been studied and surveyed and you have the drawings in your packet. We would have to have public hearing in the future to change. Councilman Lindsey is not here tonight because he lives on this street. He would need to recuse himself at the Thursday night meeting and any future votes.

C. GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 11 SPRING MEETING-APRIL 22, 2025 11 AM TO 1PM AT THE DEPOT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that Hahira will host the District 11 Spring meeting on April 22, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. No expense is required but we do need to register anyone that would like to attend. Please mark your calendar. We will also have the

groundbreaking for the new Sewer Plant on April 24th at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please come if you can.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

**A. SOUTHERN SKY FIREWORKS-4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
JUNE 28TH-\$15,250-GENERAL FUND (CITY MANAGER)**

**B. TEACHERS LUNCHEONS-ONEALS CATERING-MAY 22ND &
23RD-\$3,100-GENERAL FUND (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated it is time again to get the fireworks ready for another celebration. The cost will be \$15,250 from Southern Sky Fireworks. The cost increased a small amount from last year but we were very pleased last year. They are licensed and bonded and do a quality show.

**B. TEACHERS LUNCHEONS-ONEALS CATERING- MAY 22ND
AND 23RD-\$3,100-GENERAL FUND (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this is the 25th year and it has become a tradition to thank all the teachers for what they do. The teachers look forward to it every year and please attend if you can to support them. The cost is \$3,100 from Oneal's Catering.

**C. BACKUP PUMP FOR MAIN LIFT STATION-HYDRA
SERVICE, INC-\$18,500-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones is requesting a back up pump for the main lift Station. It is time to get backup for the upcoming hurricane season to have if needed. The cost is \$18,500 from Hydra Service Inc.

**D. BACKUP PUMP FOR THE EAST MAIN LIFT STATION-
HYDRA SERVICE, INC-\$11,900-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

This is a request for another back up pump for East Main Life Station. The last one was put in 2018 and we just lost another one. As discussed previously this is needed, we should always have back up. The cost is \$11,900 and it would also be from Hydra Service, Inc. We also learned previously that if we have to replace the pump it can take 8-10 weeks and we need them now, this is very crucial.

E. CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PLAN REVIEW AND MS4-ROBERTS CIVIL ENGINEERING- PROPRIETARY FUND (PWD JONES)

We have a lot of new projects and the City Engineer helps with storm water reports, new projects and MS4 paperwork. The Contract changed previously to a new company but we stayed with Jessica (Roberts Civil Engineering) who has worked for us and was the former City Engineer for the City of Waycross. She is a detailed person and truly goes through everything with comments and information. We would like to stay with Jessica, we value her expertise and she goes above and beyond to help the City. We could not get her experience anywhere else.

SET APRIL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

-Proposed Vacation of Right of Way for South Lowndes Street

SET APRIL CONSENT AGENDA:

-Southern Sky Fireworks

-Teacher's Luncheons

-Back up Pump for Main Lift Station

-Back up Pump for East Main Lift Station

-Contract for Engineering Services of Plan Review and MS4

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 p.m.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN