

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2023**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**COURTHOUSE**

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting on November 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Louise White, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, Police Chief Terry Bennett, MSD Jennifer Price and PWD Willie Jones were present. City Clerk Lisa Mashburn was not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. OCTOBER 3, 2023, WORK SESSION**
- B. OCTOBER 5, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concern regarding the minutes. None noted. **A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Councilman Davis and**

**the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. FY24 BUDGET FINAL ADOPTION**

City Manager Sumner stated this is the final step for adoption of the FY24 budget. It has been advertised as required by law and discussed at budget workshops. The Budget amendments for FY23 are being prepared. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to speak against the FY24 Budget. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the budget. None noted. Does Council have any discussion? None noted. **A motion was made by Councilmember White to approve the FY24 budget as presented which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Terry Benjamin of 539 S Hall Street said he would like to thank you for all the work on the budget and for holding taxes low for the last 40 years. We have so many obligations like roads, sidewalks and streets and it is tremendous to hold the budget. I am happy to see progress on the sidewalk expansion it has

been in the works for many years. Thank you to the City Manager, Mayor and Department heads.

Shayla London of 210 Branch Street said a lot of people were affected by hurricane and a lot of people are in financial hardship at present. Coastal Plains came to Hahira saying money is available for water and utilities. The City of Hahira would have to accept payments from them to help people out. The local churches are willing to help and they take applications. The payments are submitted in batches. City Manager Sumner said we will have to follow up to see if we can take the payments. Jennifer stated that payments were taken when received in the mail per Victoria and Lisa.

#### **REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CLERKS WINTER CONFERENCE**
- B. AERATORS-AERATOR SOLUTIONS-\$20,930-SPLOST VIII**
- C. AUTOMATIC HYDRANT FLUSHERS-POLLARDWATER-\$12,704-SPLOST VIII**
- D. 2024 CITIES UNITED SUMMIT-JANUARY 25-29-2024**

- E. GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT #1-  
HIGHWAY 122 WEST SIDEWALK PROJECT-MEMORANDUM  
OPF AGREEMENT-TASK ORDER #3-\$66,133-TSPLOST**
- F. HOLIDAY AGENDA DEADLINE AND PACKET DISTRIBUTION  
SCHEDULE**
- G. 2024 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
- H. 2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 12**
- I. FY24 RETREAT-FEBRUARY 2**
- J. LAPTOP-VIRTUAL WORLD-\$1,785-SPLOST VIII**
- K. FY23 CHRISTMAS BONUSES AND EXCESS SICK LEAVE**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilmember White stated the election is almost over. Shayla, I am proud of you. I love Hahira and everybody.

Councilman Davis said thank you for the events of the Main Street and they have a financial impact per the DCA report. You can follow it on Hahira Happenings. Thank you to the department heads, public works and emergency services. I am proud to be a part of it all, this is a great place to live.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti said Congrats to Chief Bennett and Davis. They will be missed but I am thankful for what they have established. Thanks to Main Street and to Director Jones. Thank you to the Mayor, City Manager and staff for what you do.

Councilman Barfield said I agree with the great things said we are entering the season of Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the Chiefs and their foundations, they are solid. I hope they continue doing a good job for the City. Thank you to Public works for Willie and crew for all they do, we have a lot to be thankful for. Let's all be Thankful.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, I think we have the best group of employees. The admin staff, Main Street and Finance, do the daily operations that keep us going. Thank you to Council for your wisdom. Thank you to Pastor Josh and area Pastors for lifting the City, staff and citizens up in prayer this morning.

Mayor Cain said thank you to Pastor Josh and prayer group of pastors. Thank you to the public works for storm work and keeping the daily operations moving forward. They do a great job and I am thankful for all the guys. Thank you to the Police Chief and Fire Chief for their service, it made work in other departments better. Thank you to the admin staff, Lisa, Carol and Victoria. Thank you to Main Street, they do a great job.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti. Councilman Barfield,

Councilman Davis, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.**

**ADJOURN.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**