

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

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

**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. JANUARY 31, 2023 WORK SESSION**

**B. FEBRUARY 2, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None noted**

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**A. FULL-TIME MAIN STREET ASSISTANT (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated this was discussed at the Retreat and the Work Session on Tuesday night. We need additional personnel across all departments. We have immediate need due to events for additional staff

time for the Main Street. We would like for the part time person to go to full time. The cost is on attachment for review. DO you have any questions? Councilmember White said her questions were answered on Tuesday night. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **DISCUSSIONS:**

##### **A. SEWER CAMERA-\$17,269-ACRE TOOLS-SPLOST VIII- PWD JONES**

This is needed for underground sewer problems and is in the budget for the year. We have been borrowing form GRW. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. **A motion was made by Councilmember White to approve the Sewer Camera which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilmember White, Councilman Davis and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

##### **B. TRENCH BOX -BADGER BOX-SPLOST VIII-PWD JONES**

The Trench box is need for safety while digging below ground. We had incident last week and we

need this for the safety of our employees. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

**Councilmember Barfield made a motion to approve the trench box which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember White, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**C. BACKHOE-\$156,228-DOBBS EQUIPMENT-SPLOST VIII-PWD JONES**

This Backhoe is needed by Public works because the old one is very old and it is in the budget for this year. We want to keep the old one for back up. The new Backhoe is about 6 months out on delivery. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of new Backhoe which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**D. RESTRIPE MAIN STREET PARKING-\$1,400-CORBITT-SPLOST VIII-PWD JONES**

**This was a request from Councilmember White to restripe the parking spaces in the downtown area. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. A**

**motion was made to approve the Restripe Main Street project which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis, Councilman Barfield and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**E. POLICE CHIEFS SUMMER CONFERENCE-CHIEF DAVIS**

Chief Davis requested to attend the Police Chiefs Summer Conference in Savannah July 23-26. The cost is \$425 for conference and \$189 per night for room. **A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to approve Summer Chiefs Conference which was seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmember White, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**F. FIREWORKS-JULY 1, 2023-\$15,000-SOUTHERN SKY-MSD PRICE**

MSD Price requested permission to purchase fire works from the same company as last year and the fireworks display will be similar to last year. We had \$13,500 last year in sponsorship to help pay for the fireworks and plan to do that again to cover the cost. **A motion was made by**

**Councilmember White to approve the fireworks which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilmember White, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

**REPORTS:**

Councilmember White said she is blessed to see everyone here tonight and God Bless you all.

Councilman Davis said thank you for being here tonight. Thank you all for the support and the hard work.

Councilman Barfield said we have the money to do what we need and that is due to the good work with the budget. Thank you for the great job to all in the field, my phone is not ringing.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads and thank you to MSD Price for receiving the most valuable employee from Lowndes County. We will also work on the employee compensation for future meetings. Thank you all for coming out tonight and don't for the Hahira Pick In on March 11. Thank you to public safety this week, they had a tragedy this week.

Mayor Cain said ditto to all that has been said tonight. Thank you to Director Price and all department heads, she is a department head. Thank you to admin staff, Jonathan, Lisa, Carol and Victoria. Thank you to Council, if everyone had a Council like us it would be great. I have talked to different Councilman that do not have this and I am grateful we have a good Council.

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

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**