

**CITY OF HAHIRA**  
**APRIL 6, 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 Louise White, Mason Barfield, and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Terry Davis, Lt Todd Pitchford, Assistant Fire Chief David Thompson, PWD Willie Jones, MSD Jennifer Price, and Assistant MSD Jaime Parr. Councilmember Kenneth Davis and Fire Chief Dwight Bennett were not present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bruce Cain

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Owens

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. FEBRUARY 3, 2023 RETREAT**
- B. FEBRUARY 28, 2023 WORK SESSION**
- C. MARCH 2, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. APPLICATION OF JIGNA CHAVADA-100 EAST MAIN STREET AND 203 SOUTH CHURCH STREET FOR PACKAGE SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED BEVERAGES (LT PITCHFORD)**

Lt Pitchford stated this is an existing application and requires name change only. There is no problem

with background check and all distance requirements are met. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. Do you have any questions? None noted.

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

**B. APPLICATION BY ESTERL POWELL-THE SLICE  
406 WEST MAIN STREET TO SELL BEER AND  
WINE BY THE DRINK (LT PITCHFORD)**

Lt Pitchford stated this is a new application, it has a clear background and all distance regulations are met. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against it? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor? None noted. Does anyone have any questions? None noted. **Councilmember White made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti.**

**Councilmember White, Councilmember Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

**C. APPLICATION BY ELISE PIERCE-THE LOOKING GLASS 213 WEST MAIN STREET TO SELL BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT A NEW ESTABLISHMENT TO BE NAMED (LT PITCHFORD)**

**LT Pitchford stated this is a new application, there is a clear background and all distance requirements have been met. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor? None noted. Do you have any questions? None noted. Councilmember Barfield made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti. Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti, Councilmember Barfield and Councilmember White all voted in favor of the motion.**

**D.APPLICATION BY DWIGHT BENNETT-  
DOWNHOME PIZZA 406 WEST MAIN STREET  
TO SELL BEER NAD WINE BY THE DRINK (LT  
PITCHFORD)**

Lt Pitchford stated this is a new application with a clear background. The distance requirements are met. Does anyone have any questions?

None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor? None noted.

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

**E. ORDINANCE TO ADD TECHNOLOGY FEE TO  
POLICE FINES-FIRST READING (LT PITCHFORD)**

Lt Pitchford stated this is the addition of fee to citations. This will be applied to Police department technology such as cameras, IT, and computers. This fee is paid by the people per

ticket. City Manager Sumner stated the City of Lake Park and the City of Remerton charge the technology fee. It all goes into a separate fund and is audited. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against? None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions? None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to add ordinance to charge \$20.00 technology fee for fines, Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti seconded this. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

John Kramer of 604 Stagecoach Trail said he is here about the drainage ditch beside his house. It is an irrigation problem and erosion problem. I have been complaining about this for 11 years. The cost years ago was \$200,000 and now it is 1.2 million and we are tired of waiting. I think we should focus on the problem areas for now with the City Engineer and

do the entire project at a later time. This goes from South Hagenbridge to Barnside and it is a large reservoir. The retaining wall is eroding and he feels it will cause his house to shift.

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

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

**Councilmember Barfield made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti. Councilmember Barfield, Councilmember White and Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti all voted in favor of the motion.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. WOODBRIDGE DRAINAGE PROJECT-REJECT ALL BIDS AND REBID IN OCTOBER**
- B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HAHIRA-\$7,500 LEGAL FEE REQUEST OR NONPROFIT FORMATION-HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RETENTION**
- C. GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION-SAVANNAH JUNE 22-27, 2023**

- D. POLICE DEPARTMENT COURT AND OPERATIONAL SOFTWARE-TYLER TECHNOLOGIES-\$160,706-SPLOST VIII**
- E. MAIN STREET BOARD APPOINTMENTS-KAYLA WALKER AND CINDY BECTION**
- F. MOTHER-SON DANCE-MAY 12, 2023**
- G. BROOKRIDGE DRIVE FORCEMAIN RELOCATION ADDITIONAL WORK-LITTLE RIVER UTILITIES-CATION ADDITIONAL WORK-LITTLE RIVER UTILITIES-\$33,964-SPLOST VIII**
- H. TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INCODE CONNECT CONFERENCE-POLICE AND ADMIN**
- I. SALARY ADJUSTMENT-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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

**Councilmember Barfield made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti.**

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

## **REPORTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti said it is good to see you all this evening, thank you all for coming. Thank you for showing interest we are an expansion of you, you drive the City. We are here to try to make the right decisions to grow and I thank the Mayor, Council, City Manager and Departments for all they do.

Councilman Barfield said ditto to all that has been said. I know Woodbridge is a major project and very important to the citizens in the area. But to a contractor we are small. We had 10 plan to bid, 2 bided and I think time is a factor. As soon as all the covid money goes dry the projects will go down and we can get it done at a reasonable price. We want to get it done but we must be reasonable, wait until October and hopefully get competitive bids. I hate to piece mill it, who decides what gets done first. I think we should take care of everyone. We do plan to take care of it but we must put it on hold until things are back to normal. I appreciate everyone

that is here and thank you to Public works and Public safety.

Councilmember White said I know that 11 years for the Woodbridge project is a long time. District 1 has been a mess for a long time. District 1 has turned into wetlands. The Mayor and City Manager are trying to get it all resolved. We do want changes and they will come. We had a lengthy conversation and if we fix one part it may all go next door, we need to do the complete project.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve, thank you to Council of behalf of staff for those items. We will have a great event on Saturday so everyone come out. We are all sorry about the passing of Raj Chevada. He was a man of few words but a very good community member and business owner. Our Thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Our sympathy also goes out to the Thompson family on the passing of Jackson.

Mayor Cain said ditto to all that has been said tonight. Thank you to the department heads, public works, and public safety, you are all a group of tremendous guys. We are all working on better ways to get things done. Thank you all for coming tonight.

Councilmember Barfield made a motion to Adjourn which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.**

**ADJOURNED.**

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**MAYOR BRUCE CAIN**

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**CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN**