

CITY OF HAHIRA
AUGUST 3, 2023
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on August 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Louise White and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Rosatti. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Attorney Rob Plumb, PWD Willie Jones, Police Chief Terry Davis, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett and MSD Jennifer Price present. Councilman Mason Barfield 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. JULY 11, 2023, WORK SESSION**
- B. JULY 13, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING**

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL BY-THE-DRINK ORDINANCE-DISTILLED BEVERAGES (SECOND READING-CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Manager Sumner stated the proposed amendment is in your packet. This is for distilled spirits by the drink. The requirement will be 50/50 food and drink. We will have three readings and this is the second reading. It was staff recommendation to go to 3 readings to give public time for input.

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

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

Any discussion? None noted. The Mayor stated the 3rd reading will be at next month's meeting.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Ted Raker 724 Edgewater Place said he was here to speak regarding the roll back of the millage. The Hahira millage is below everyone else and if we don't roll back, we will still be the lowest in the County. I hope this is correct information but I called and said citizens should get homestead exemption for \$16,000. I think we should not roll it back.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. POLICE DEPARTMENT LEASE-POA PROPERTIES- 1 YEAR-\$58,000**
- B. SCHOOL CAMERA SYSTEM-AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS APPROVAL**
- C. IRRIGATION METERS-\$1,000**

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Rosatti thanked everyone for coming out. I appreciate the staff; department heads and I appreciate what this Council does. I think we live in the best place in Georgia. I just thank everyone for all you do and I wish more people were here tonight.

Councilmember White said Hahira is a great place. I love Hahira.

Councilmember Davis said everything is better in Hahira, I love Hahira. I appreciate the employees and the citizens. I want to thank Fire Chief Bennett for your work, we appreciate it. Thank you to all departments and to Main Street for all the events. Thanks to Ted Raker, I think you are our greatest advocate; you always give us the good and the bad and really make us think about it.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to all departments for the work you did for the 4th of July event. We will begin the budget at the Work Session in September and the department heads have a lot of good requests. We have a lot of planning to balance revenue and expenditures, we will hold the line.

Mayor Cain said thank you to all departments, you keep the City looking and running good. The Fire Chief is leaving us after 20 years of service and has made a lot of progress going from one man fire department to full scale fire department with 2 fireman 24/7. Thank you to the Admin staff and thank you to Attorney Plumb for a great job. I appreciate the Council and City Manager for all they do.

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

The Meeting was Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN