

CITY OF HAHIRA
APRIL 3, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on April 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Owens

REVIEW/CORRECTION 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 corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Luke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. HA-2025-03 APPLICATION BY MARVIN BROOKS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR DUPLEX SPECAIL EXCEPTION AT 113 NORTH HALL STREET (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated as discussed on Tuesday night this is a request for Special Exception for 113 N Hall Street. The City Manager stated this is the same design and same applicant for the duplexes across the street from 3 years ago. There are no setbacks because the lot is a perfect fit. The Planning Commission approve with two conditions. The Parking must be on the side of the building for 2 cars and this Special Exception will expire in one year.

The Mayor asked if anyone had 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?
Marvin Brooks of 4751 Bearcreek Road, Valdosta stated this is a repeat of the other unit across the street. He stated it will be facing W. Lawson Street.

Mayor Pro Tem White stated she thinks it is a good thing, it was a wooded area and this makes it feel like the neighborhood is safer.

Mayor Pro Tem White voted to approve HA-2025-03 as presented with exceptions which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

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)

Chief Jones stated this application was processed and it has a good background. The applicant is currently serving alcohol. This has been advertised with no response.

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

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against?

None noted.

Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Lindsey and Councilman Luke 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. **Councilman Luke made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Lindsey. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR SOUTH LOWNDES STREET AUTHORIZATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS (CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Lindsey recused himself from discussion and vote because his resident is on Lowndes Street. The City would like to adjust the right-of-way on Lowndes

Street to give 10 feet strips on both sides of the road to the residents. The right of way on that street is currently 60 ft but most streets in town are typically 40 ft. There are no utilities in the right-of-way. This is not official it is for informational purposes only. A letter will be sent out to the residents and then have a Public hearing for input and consideration at future meeting. Councilman Luke says he thinks we should move forward with this and revisit at May meeting. Sumner stated this is just permission to send out the letters and start the process. Mayor Pro Tem White says she agrees.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. SOUTHERN SKY FIREWORKS-4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION JUNE 28TH-\$15,250-GENERAL FUND**
- B. TEACHER'S LUNCHEONS-O'NEAL'S CATERING-MAY
22ND & 23RD-\$3,100- GENERAL FUND**
- C. BACKUP PUMP FOR MAIN LIFT STATION-HYDRA
SERVICE, INC-\$18,500-SPLOST VIII**
- D. BACK UP PUMP FOR EAST MAIN LIFT STATION-
HYDRA SERVICE, INC-\$11,900-SPLOST VIII**
- E. CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PLAN
REVIEW AND MS4-ROBERTS CIVIL ENGINEERING-
PROPRIETARY FUND**

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem White. Mayor Pro Tem White, Councilman Lindsey and Councilman Luke all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem White said to remember the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 19th. Be kind and love the City you live in.

Councilman Luke said thank you for coming out and it is a pleasure to serve. Thank you to all the department heads and employees. Thank you to the Mayor, Council and Administrative staff. April is a wonderful time and I pray for our fair City. Thank you all for your support and for being here tonight.

Councilman Lindsey said ditto to all that has been said and I hope everyone has a safe trip home from spring break.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads and employees and all those in attendance.

We will have groundbreaking for the new sewer plant on April 24th at 11:00 on Union Road (across from City dump site) We will then have BBQ at the Depot afterwards.

Mayor Cain said he concurs with all that has been said. Thank you to the department heads. Thank you for all your hard work to the Public Works, Fire department, Police department and Admin department. Thank you all for coming tonight.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN