

CITY OF HAHIRA
JANUARY 4, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for a Council Meeting on January 4th, 2024, with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

Present: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Mason Barfield, Klayton Luke, David Lindsey, and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, Fire Chief David Thompson, PWD Willie Jones, Police Chief Terry Davis, and MSD Jennifer Price 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

OATH OF OFFICE:

A. COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 2

Councilman Klay Luke was sworn in by Scott Purvis.

B. COUNCILMAN DISTRICT 3

Councilman David Lindsey was sworn in by Matthew Reece.

C. FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief David Thompson was sworn in by Mayor Bruce Cain.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE (MAYOR CAIN)

A. MR. KENNETH DAVIS-COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Not present

B. MR. TONY ROSATTI-COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Thank you to Mr. Tony Rosatti for doing a great job these last three years.

COUNCIL ELECTION: MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to nominate Louise White which was seconded by Councilman Luke.

Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Luke, and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS: (MAYOR CAIN)

Mayor Cain gave out 2024 Council Assignments as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem White- Police department

Councilman Luke-Parks/Rec, Main Street and Street department

Councilman Lindsey-Water, Sewer, and Sanitation

Councilman Barfield-Fire department and Planning

REVIEW/CORRECITON OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. December 5, 2023 Work Session

B. December 7, 2023 Council Meeting

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Doug Robinson of 120 Floyd McNeal stated he is HOA President for Floyd McNeal Estates. We have had a request by citizens to install speed bumps in the subdivision. Phase II of the subdivision has started construction and we have a lot of workers driving through the neighborhood. We would also like better golf cart access. We must drive down the sidewalk to get to the streets we can drive on. They would like an idea of

another access for driving golf carts on a path so that we do not have to get on the sidewalks.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DEPARTMENT REQUEST:

A. WATER PILOT PROJECT-CEREFILTEE-\$10,000 PLUS INSTALLATION-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)

PWD Jones said after discussion on Thursday night the pricing came in at \$10,000 for crane and \$6,000 for electrical and no tank is needed. We will be getting specs on the size and it is smaller than expected. This is a SPLOST VIII eligible expense. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions? None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke, Councilman**

Lindsey, and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

B. SUNDAY SALES BY TE DRINK FEE (CHIEF DAVIS)

Chief Davis said I have nothing to add. We just need to set a price for Sunday sales by the drink. City Manager Sumner asked what would you recommend Chief Davis? He stated \$450.00. Councilman Luke said everything is high priced and we need to keep the businesses in mind and help keep our new businesses. Mayor Pro Tem White said I suggested \$200.00 on Tuesday night but I think \$350.00 **would be good. Mayor Pro Tem White made a motion to set the fee at \$350.00 which was seconded by Councilman Luke. Councilman Luke, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Lindsey, and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.**

C. ADA TRANSITION PLAN (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated the ADA transition plan is required by GDOT. Some of the costs have changed and we need a modified plan to make us in compliance. **Councilman Lindsey made a motion to**

approve which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield, Councilman Luke, and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT \$34,790 GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY GRANT-LEAD AND COPPER REVISED RULE**
- B. HAHIRA PROVISION OF BACK UP WATER CONNECTION-REQUEST FROM LOWNDES COUNTY FOR SERVICE**
- C. FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCES-DJ-ROCKIN ROLANDS AND JUMPIN J'S INFLATABLES -\$1,300**
- D. MAIN STREET BOARD REAPPOINTMENT-ELISE PIERCE**

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem White said she did not have much to say, thank God for making it another year and I hope we all have a good 2024.

Councilman Luke said he hopes everyone has a blessed 2024 and thank you for allowing me to serve. Thank you for serving our good Lord.

Councilman Lindsey said thank you to the Lord for putting me in this position and thank you to the citizens for letting me be your voice.

Councilman Barfield said we are in good hands and I think we are going to have a good 2024.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the department heads and thank you to all those who work late at night. Congratulations to the new council members.

Mayor Cain said Ditto to all that has been said and welcome to the new council members and to our new Fire Chief Thompson. Thank you and have a good night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Luke made a motion to come out of executive session where we discuss personnel which was seconded by Councilman Lindsay. Councilman Luke, Councilman Lindsey, Councilman Barfield, and Mayor Pro Tem White all voted in favor of the motion.

Attorney Rob Plumb read a suggestion to reopen the advertising for the position of Police Chief for 30 days. Chief Davis will stay on until January 31st at which time Yolanda Hall will be appointed as Interim beginning February 1, 2024. Chief Davis will stay on 20 hours per week as a consultant. Any new applications will be sent to the Chiefs Association for processing and will be submitted to us for the March meeting.

ADJOURN.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Bruce Cain

City Clerk Lisa Mashburn