

CITY OF HAHIRA

APRIL 29, 2025

WORK SESSION

6:00 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session on April 29, 2025 with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Council: Klay Luke, David Lindsey, Mason Barfield and Mayor Pro Tem Louise White. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Police Chief Stryde Jones, Fire Chief Dwight Thompson and PWD Willie Jones are all present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. APRIL 1, 2025 WORK SESSION

B. APRIL 3, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or questions regarding the minutes. None noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

**A. HA-2025-04 REZONING REQUEST BY FL300 LLC
(JOHN OWENS) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED
ALONG SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE ROAD
(PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR)**

**B. HA-2025-05 ANNEXATION REQUEST BY FL300
LLC (JOHN OWENS) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED
ALONG SOUTH HAGAN BRIDGE ROAD
(PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR)**

P & Z Administrator Matt Martin stated these two items need to be discussed together. We have a parcel of land 0.63 of an acre that is triangle in shape across from the Lawson Farms Road. This is all a part of the Reynolda subdivision and will automatically annex the road. This is all due to the error of the developer. The developers of this subdivision have already made this roadway connection without realizing it was crossing outside the city limits. The land around this area was annexed and rezoned in February of 2021 with condition that there would not be any driveways with direct access to Hagenbridge Road or Coleman Road.

This is to annex and rezone to add to the current property. The Planning Commission approved with same condition with 8-0 vote. Staff recommends approval of the conditional R-15 and condition that none of the subdivided lots have driveways with direct access to the South Hagan Bridge Road. The developers are currently working on punch list. Does anyone have any questions? None noted.

C. FY24 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY AUDITOR (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated this is the conclusion of the FY24 budget. We have a few minor amendments per the Auditors and then he reviewed the items. The final report will be at the June Council meeting.

D. PROPOSED VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR SOUTH LOWNDES STREET (CITY MANAGER)

Councilman Lindsey recused himself due to this is on the street where he resides. City Manager Sumner stated the letters and maps were sent to

the residents that will be affected and we have had no calls or concerns.

This is to change the right of way from 60 ft to 40 ft. There is only one issue with a meter that will need to be moved. We will vote on Thursday night at the Council Meeting and Councilman Barfield will join us via phone.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A. PREVIEW OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BETWEEN HIGHWAY 122/COPPAGE ROAD, HAGAN BRIDGE ROAD, AND HAHIRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (DISCUSSION ONLY)

City Manager Sumner stated the developer declined to present tonight due to changes in the plans. He is proposing mixed use space with R-6, R-10 and condominium development. He may be here on Thursday night for discussion.

B.SPLOST IX AGREEMENT (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that the SPLOST IX agreement and list of projects will remain the same as indicated to you at the FY25 Retreat. The referendum agreement is the same and it has flexible spending. Does anyone have any questions or changes? None noted.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

A. DRAINAGE DITCH BETWEEN BARFIELD STREET, RANDAL STREET, EAST GRACE STREET AND SOUTH CHURCH STREET (CITY MANAGER)

As discussed this is drainage issue between the above streets. We should have cost estimates at the June meeting to discuss. This is all behind the scenes at the Office development, we need to fix the ditch and clean it all out.

B.BILLBOARDS-\$13,390-TRAILHEAD-PARTNERSHIP WITH VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY CONFERENC CENTER AND TOURISM AUTHORITY (CITY MANAGER)

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center and Tourism Authority is renewing their partnership to pay half of the cost. The total cost is \$13,390 from Trailhead for the 2 signs we have on I-75. The City would be required to pay half. Councilman Lindsey said he thinks it is a waste of money, Mayor Pro Tem White and Councilman Luke agreed. Councilman Lindsey asked the opinion of the Mayor. It was said that many of the restaurants have signs on I-75 and this is advertisement. The Mayor said I support you all in this matter. City Manager Sumner said we can remove it from the agenda or take a vote on Thursday night.

C. CITY PARK RESTORATION (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated we are waiting for disbursement of FEMA funds to replace the parks. I will have a timeline for you soon.

D. LOW BID RECOMMENDATION FOR RE-DRILL OF DEEP WELL #1-TITLED WELL #4-GEFA WIIN GRANT/GEFA FRESH WATER LOAN (COUNCIL MEETING)

City Manager Sumner stated we will have low bid recommendation for you on Thursday night. The bid opening is at 11:00 a.m.

E. REHABILITATION OPTIONS FOR WELL #3 (COUNCIL MEETING-CARTER & SLOOPE)

The Engineer with Carter and Sloope will be here to discuss the options on Thursday night.

F. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE-PHONE SYSTEM, INTERNET AND VOICE (CITY MANAGER)

The phone system for the City is 15 years old and in need of update. We discussed this several months ago and we are getting closer with the prices. We have quotes from Clearwave and Windstream as of now. They will come and do demonstration for the department heads to help with the decision. Both would be 3–5-year contract. The documents are included in your packet.

**G. MINI-EXCAVATOR-POWERHOUSE
EQUIPMENT-\$63,000-SPLOST VIII (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones stated we need a new Mini excavator. The one we have now has about 2000 hours and during the storm two were needed. We would keep the old one for back up but a new one is needed and it has all the specs and is from Powerhouse Equipment . This is an eligible SPLOST VIII expense.

**H. COURTHOUSE AUDIO SYSTEM-REUTLAND
LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS-\$5,505-SPLOST VIII
(CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated as noted several months ago we need a new sound system. The system would cost \$5,505 and would be from Rutland Low Voltage Systems. It would be paid out of SPLOST VIII.

**I. AERATED POND LINING REPAIR-PROPRIETARY
FUND-COMANCO-\$18,000 (PWD JONES)**

PWD Jones stated we need aerated pond lining repair. The repair will be done by Comanco at a cost of \$18,000. It would be paid out of the Proprietary fund. It is a cheap fix and should last 7-10 more years.

SET MAY COUNCIL AGENDA:

- Preview of Proposed Subdivision between Highway 122/Coppage Road, Hagan Bridge Road and Hahira Elementary School
- Billboards-\$13,390
- Low bid recommendation for re-drill of Deep Well #1-titled Well #4
- Rehabilitation options for Well #4

SET MAY CONSENT AGENDA:

- SPLOST IX Agreement
- Mini Excavator
- Courthouse Audio System

-Aerated Pond Lining Repair

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

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MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN