

**CITY OF HAHIRA**

**WORK SESSION**

**JUNE 29, 2021**

**COURTHOUSE**

**6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council met for a Work Session at the Hahira Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Kenneth Davis, Terry Benjamin, Tony Rosatti and Mayor Pro Tem Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, PWD Brandon Rice, MSD Jennifer Price, Police officer Todd Pitchford and Fire Chief Dwight Bennett.

**REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- A. APRIL 27, 2021 HAHIRA SQUARE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1**
- B. JUNE 1, 2021 WORK SESSION**
- C. JUNE 3, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**
- D. JUNE 4, 2021 HAHIRA SQUARE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING 2**

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

**REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:**

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

## **A. FARM-TO-TABLE RESTAURANT (MIKE SUMNER)**

City Manager Sumner stated the Mike Sumner is here to discuss his plan for the City of Hahira. He plans to build a farm-to-table restaurant at the corner of Branch and Newsom Street. Mr. Sumner said I know you have heard a lot of talk and I wanted to let you know we purchased the land for a farm-to-table restaurant here in Hahira. We should have the drawings in the next 2-3 months and plan to break ground in 4-5 months. He said we plan to have a restaurant, store and market in mind. City Manager Sumner stated this is tremendous for the City of Hahira and we are all happy. The Main Street Director is really excited about this. City Manager Sumner then discussed the TAPS program that will have sidewalks from downtown to the Interstate and that it would begin in 2024. This is for information only and it will come before you in the future.

## **B. WEST STANFILL STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY-SPLOST VIII (MAYOR CAIN)**

Mayor Cain said he just sent email out to everyone, I have been working on price estimates for resurfacing of three streets.

W. Stanfill Street \$71,000

Barfield Street from Grace to Coleman \$55,490

Newsome Street- \$14,365

20 % contingency would be added for a total of \$162,918. The Public works department will do all the work and the repairs. The supplies needed would be 487 tons of lime rock \$10,714,

Rental of the roller \$1,300, traffic \$5,000 for a total of \$17,000.

The total project would be around \$180,000 and we have LMIG in the amount of \$50,000 and the rest would be paid out of SPLOST VIII in the amount of \$130,000. The Mayor and I met with Tim

Golden and Van Mason with GDOT looking at GDOT funds and discussed long term goals for Hahira.

**C. SOUTH NEWSOME STREET, BARFIELD STREET RESURFACING-LMIG, SPLOST VIII (MAYOR CAIN)**

This was discussed with above item.

**D. HAHIRA SQUARE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL UPDATE (MAYOR CAIN)**

Mayor Cain stated that we had the second meeting with Councilman Rosatti, Mayor Pro Tem Barfield, City Manager Sumner, MSD Jennifer Price and a few veterans present. It was decided that they would like circular wall of military flags behind the fountain. We will work on the cost estimates for the next meeting and construction of fountain and wall should begin at the end of the year. We also discussed with the veterans about moving the memorial in front of the Courthouse to the Memorial wall. The veterans liked the idea and we will get that added into the cost estimate. We are also working to get a cost estimate to refurbish the fire truck and move it to its new place.

**E. TAP PROJECT UPDATES (MAYOR CAIN)**

The Mayor attended the TAP project meeting with DOT. He stated they would like to put a four way stop at Branch and Main Street for pedestrian crossing. They also discussed closing off Branch Street or closing off Main Street extension. I think we can all agree on a four way stop.

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

**A. IT SERVICE (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated we decided to put IT Service out for bid. It was discussed about possible change by the department heads for our professional services. I contacted a company in Barney and they came over and declined. Valdosta Next Step save a quote of \$60,000. Virtual World our current provider came in and talked about issues and said he would have quarterly meetings for feedback. Virtual World said they would hold the bid as currently charging in the about of \$22,944. Staff recommends Virtual World for IT Services.

**B. PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (JIMMY CONE)**

Jimmie Cone stated we had three bids at the bid opening.

Chuck Smith \$499,828

Kellerman \$524,285

Standard Contractors \$599,439.

After discussion the project bid was over budget. The bids were rejected and we will rebid at a later date. We will set up bid date for later date. We will advertise twice over 30 day period and have bid opening in August which would be about 6 weeks.

**C. WALK BEHIND SAW-SPLOST VIII (PWD RICE)**

PWD Rice stated he would like to purchase a walk behind saw. We can use it on Barfield and Newsome and it will make things less labor intensive. It will also help with leaks in different areas. I have three bids and recommend low bid from Preferred Rental in the amount of \$2499.

**D. MOWER-SPLOST VIII (PWD RICE)**

We have only a few rotary mower decks that look good. To repair the mower deck it would cost \$2,000. The low bid to purchase a new one is \$3,500. It is 130 HP and durable.

**E. CHLORINE GAS DETECTOR –SPLOST VIII (PWD RICE)**

This is new recommendation from EPD. They have recommendation for detector at the Well on Sonny Rogers Memorial Drive. The bids are \$1,850 from Tyson and \$2,799 from USA. Staff recommends low bid \$1,850. They would also like for us to put a fence up around Randall Street tank. We would need to have the property surveyed.

**F. DEPOT LEAK DETECTOR AND CAMERAS-SPLOST VIII (MAYOR CAIN)**

Mayor Cain talked to current security provider and we can put detector and the water side that would send alarm to PWD Rice's phone. I also we need bullet cameras inside the fenced in areas for added security.

**SET JULY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

All moved to consent agenda

**SET JULY CONSENT AGENDA:**

-Authorization to bid-West Stanfill Street, South Newsome Street, and Barfield Street Asphalt overlay

-IT Service Contract Renewal-Virtual World

-Public Works Administration Building-rejection of bids and rebid

-Walk behind Saw

-Mower

-Chlorine Gas Detector

-Depot Leak Detector and Cameras

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**

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Mayor Bruce Cain

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City Clerk Lisa Mashburn