

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting immediately following the Organizational Meeting, Monday January 8, 2007 at City Hall with Chairman Henry Cravey presiding.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairman Henry Cravey, Vice-Chair Wilson Credle, Phil NeSmith, James Colson and Shelly Berryhill.

**MINUTES:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to table approval of the December 4, 2006 minutes. James Colson seconded, motion carried.

Clerk Herrington stated she just realized she had not provided a copy of the minutes and suggested they table until next meeting.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICE AUTHORIZATION NO. SIX REVISED 12/13/2006 REQUESTED BY JMA ARCHITECTURE:** James Colson motioned to approve the revised invoice from JMA reducing the requested amount from \$11,160. to \$5,580. for additional services, construction observation at the Workforce Development Center. Wilson Credle seconded, motion carried.

Manager Murkerson commended Clay Hall, Henry Cravey and Mitchell Woods for their efforts in meeting with JMA and getting the amount reduced. Murkerson said that he had convinced JMA about them participating in overage on a project. Phil NeSmith suggested the Commission specify what they want when they contract with any firm.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the applications for a business license in the following names;

1. Sherouse Construction (1071 Dasiy Adams Rd.- remodel & repair)
2. Brown's Garbage Service ( 507 Gordon St- county residential garbage pickup)
3. Lawhorns II ( 104 Commerce St –small engine repair)
4. Specialty Painting (319 N Jackson St- painting)

Phil NeSmith seconded, motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:** Shelly Berryhill motioned, Phil NeSmith seconded to table approval of an application for a business license in the name of;

Sams Quick Stop (301 Broad & Jackson St.- retail store – new owner)

as recommended by Chief of Police Sam Tripp for further investigation, motion carried. Tripp said person had also applied for a beer license that was still being looked at before he would present to Commissioners for approval.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 07 FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, DENNIS CONTRACTING:** James Colson motioned to approve the change order no.07 for Workforce Development Center, Dennis Contracting, Inc. that would provide credit to remove work and material associated with fire suppression sprinkler system from contract in the amount of \$31,106.00. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion carried.

**OPEN AND AWARD BIDS SURPLUS VEHICLES:** Chairman Cravey opened and read the bids.

Phil NeSmith motioned to award the bid of \$260.00 plus sales tax on the 1981 Ford Courier P/U to Tony Brady. Wilson Credle seconded, motion carried.

Phil NeSmith motioned to reject any and all bids on the 1998 Ford Crown Vic. Wilson Credle seconded, motion carried.

Bobby Bozeman had bid \$350.00 on this vehicle

Wilson Credle motioned to award the bid of \$300.00 plus sales tax on the 1986 Ford F-700 TYMCO Sweeper to Randy Wimberly. James Colson seconded, motion carried.

There were no bids on the 1991 Peterbilt Garbage Truck, which will be placed on Gov-Deal.

**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Manager Murkerson handed to Commissioners the Police Dept. reports for December, 2006.

He stated he had checked the Police logs and in December there were 34 log-ins of Police patrolling SouthernHills and 11 log-ins January 1 - 7.

Murkerson reminded all about the Grand Opening of the Workforce Development Center to be held Friday, January 19, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., Governor Perdue and others involved in getting the project going would there. A list of all formal invitations mailed so far were given to Commissioners.

The announcement will be advertised in the paper inviting the Public to attend.

NeSmith asked Clerk Herrington to try and contact Ms. Audrey Newsome because she was an instrumental part of the Workforce Center. An invitation has been mailed to her. MGTC has asked for the City's involvement in getting students in classes. A number of training classes could be held there as suggested by City Staff.

**STREET LIGHT:** Phil NeSmith motioned to have Georgia Power set a pole and place a light at Texas Alley and Third Street. James Colson seconded, motioned carried.

**QUALIFYING FEES SET ELECTIONS FOR 2007:** Phil NeSmith motioned to set the qualifying fees for elections for 2007 for municipal office City Commission at \$90.00. James Colson seconded, motion carried.

Murkerson reported he had received a letter from P-6 Sales the person leasing a portion of the Anderson Road building stating she was not able to pay the lease. He and Attorney Hall would be working on this matter.

Murkerson stated he had a request for paving Longleaf Drive. Before the City can approve the request, need to find out if Longleaf Drive is actually a city street.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Mitchell Woods handed to Commissioners the November 2006 financial report. He pointed out that Pilot had not purchased the property yet. Also the Economic Development funds would need to be supplemented in the future. Credle stated the Commission and Finance needed to get together on funding Economic Development, that Larry Garrett, CPA had told them during the audit presentation that the payments for the Spec Building wood need to be addressed.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

James Colson stated a property owner was willing to pay the City to have her house torn down. Murkerson said the dilapidated house project required an ordinance for the City to be able to take the next steps.

Wilson Credle reminded them of their trip to Fitzgerald concerning the same. Fitzgerald charges \$3,000. to the property owner to remove the house.

**PAVING TEXAS ALLEY:** James Colson motioned to accept estimate #2 from Owens and Son Paving Company to repave the alley with 1 ½ asphalt 290x10 for a cost of \$2,530.00. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion carried.

This cost would be paid from the SPLOST funds. Paving for Warren Street was listed on the LARP project.

Phil NeSmith congratulated Henry Cravey on becoming the Chairman of the Board for the 2007 year. He also thanked Shelly Berryhill for his dedication serving as Chair the past year and congratulations to Wilson Credle for being elected Vice-Chair for 2007.

Wilson Credle talked about the progress on a traffic light being placed at the intersection of Broad Street and McCormick Avenue. He had checked database and found this intersection to be the worst in the county. Murkerson stated he had received a letter from Attorney Hall addressed to the owner of the property concerning the rights-of-way.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Chuck Southerland told Commissioners that he had pulled up some of the political signs, but there were still some around and asked if the City could pick them up.

Southerland gave an update on the Rivers Alive fund raising project that will take place Friday, June 29, 2007, when the Paddlers will be coming down river and later staying in town. Rivers Alive committee and many others will be feeding some 250 to 300 people at the river landing. He asked for the City's support and would need the Chamber's stage set up.

He stated the river was at 8' for the last four days.

Southerland asked about the Executive Session. Commissioners told him no action was taken.

Leslie Sewell EMA Director/ Fire Chief gave a report on 911 as requested for Phase I and II. The numbers have been ordered and will be in place soon. He said there had been good and bad comments about the numbers, but once they are in place it will be worth it. He is having some problem with citizens not returning the information needed and if they don't send it in then there will be no information for that property. He stated he goes to the front of each property takes a picture then puts in database.

Sewell also talked about taking down dilapidated houses. They can be taken down then burned, but it is a long process to get a burn permit.

There being no further business or comments.

**ADJOURN:** Phil NeSmith motioned to adjourn. James Colson seconded, motion carried.