

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday, November 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman James Colson presiding.

Phil NeSmith gave a prayer.

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States.

James Colson called the meeting to order:

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

ARTS COUNCIL/ OPERA HOUSE: Barbara Lawson spoke to Commissioners about the needs for the Opera House and Arts Council. Need to look at lease, spell out what Arts Council is responsible for so they can do budget. There are some areas of Opera House building in need of repair, the window seals, gutters, basement moisture control, alarm system (already wired need to activate) at 20.00 per month. Need to fix screen, have been trying to repair since it fell, to fix properly would cost around 1,300.00. No way to change lights in Auditorium, need big ladder, have bids to fix lights so they will lower, ranging from 16,000. to 32,000. Talked to Rep. Johnny Floyd about grant funds. The old organ does not work and needs to be removed to make space for handi-cap. Filters need changing more often in heat/air units. Need vacuum cleaner. The Arts Council wants to be complete partners with City. Council has one 20hour employee, Julie Stewart, have many volunteers, community service worker, garden club to do flowers. Phil NeSmith stated needed to allocate SPLOST fund for opera house in the future.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2005 Called Meeting, Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Henry Cravey motioned to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 Regular Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2005 Called Meeting. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

BUSINESS LICENSE: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the applications for a business license in the names of;

1. THE PECAN PLACE
(440 N Houston St- Pecan Dealer)
2. K P ENTERPRISES
(109 Firetower Rd – vinyl graphics & custom made clothing)
3. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS NAIL SALON
(529b Commerce St- nail enhance, pedicures, manicures)

motion seconded and passed.

BEER LICENSE: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the application for a beer license, name Mike Patel, Solow's #2, located at 403 S Jackson Street. Motion seconded and passed.

LEASE TO TJ GIBSON: Henry Cravey motioned to approve a sub-lease agreement with T J Gibson, doing business as T. J.'s Designs for the use of the paved parking area located adjacent to the speculative building leased by the City from the Hawkinsville Development Authority for a term to commence November 12, 2005 at 12:01 o'clock a.m. until midnight at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on November 12, 2005, for the consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar. Proceeds derived from the car show, concert and such other activities or sales shall be accounted for and delivered to the City Manager to be placed in the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Disaster Relief Fund and spent as Sub-Lessor may determine. Other parts of agreement are Indemnity and Hold Harmless, Conduct of Car Show and Concert, Utilities and Security clauses. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

E-911 CONTRACT: Shelly Berryhill motioned to direct Attorney Hall to change Section IV(2) COMMITTEE to read; The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia or the Board's Appointee, and Section VII PERSONNEL to read; Employees shall be employees of the Pulaski County Public Safety Department, subject to the general policies of the Pulaski County Safety Department and under direct supervision of the Pulaski County EMA Director until changed or amended by both parties. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

AWARD PAVING CONTRACT RAILROAD ALLEY PROJECT: Phil NeSmith motioned to award the paving contract to the low bidder Owens & Sons Paving Company, to pave Railroad Alley. The paving project will be funded by SPLOST Priority 2 funds for street improvements. The project will be in two phases with a total paving of 1,040 feet at the bid price of \$12,080.00. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR RE-BID: Henry Cravey motioned to advertise for bids on surplus vehicles that had previously been bid and awarded to highest bidder. The person awarded chose not to take the vehicles. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

Surplus Property for bid

Bids must be sealed and returned to City Hall by 5:00 p.m. December 1, 2005

Bids will be opened by the Board of Commissioners 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2005.

ITEM		MINIMUM
1. 1986 FORD RANGER	1FTBR10A0GUD36439	300.00
2. 1982 FORD F-150	1FTDF15E5CLA35484	500.00
3. 1982 C70 CHEVROLET	1687G7D185CV128151	NONE
4. 1983 FORD RANGER	1FTBR10C4DUB15021	300.00

BAD DEBT LIST: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the bad debt list for utilities. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed. Letters dated 9/19/2005 were mailed to those on the list. The City is continuing every effort to collect these and any other debt.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Manager Murkerson handed to Commissioners the Police Report for October 2005
Phil NeSmith asked Police to stay on those playing loud music.

Murkerson reported Carolyn Powell no longer lived in Pulaski County and a requirement of the Planning & Zoning Board was you must live in the city limits. There was no action taken on this matter.

Murkerson talked about the progress on additional plots for sale at Orangehill Cemetery. He had measured the east side of West Street with the length from 500 to 600 feet, the width from 10 1/2 to 11 feet. The State requires a grave space measure 4' by 10'. He recommended the sale of a 4 grave space plot and would also contact owners of property adjacent to lots.

Murkerson stated would apply for GEFA grant or may have to borrow from GEFA loan to connect sewer lines to Southern Hills. He stated needed designs and estimates. He stated the Pilot Sewer Project must be completed by the end of the year.

Murkerson stated City Hall would be closed Friday November 11, 2005 for Veterans Day.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed to Commissioners the financial reports for September 2005.

BANK ACCOUNTS OPEN: Shelly Berryhill motioned to open two checking accounts for the Workforce Development Center. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

1. open OneGA checking account
2. open EIP checking account

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Shelly Berryhill requested Mike Turner, Inspector to follow up and report at next meeting concerning the sewer problem at the Car Wash on Broad Street. Murkerson stated received a letter from the Dept of Natural Resources, owner had paid for tap. The DNR will monitor.

Henry Cravey stated needed to clean gutters and change air filters at Opera House every month. He also requested a copy of the Arts Council contract for next meeting.

Phil NeSmith talked about a sewer problem behind Hunlen's store on N. Jackson Street The service tap to the main had been messed up by the owner of property adjacent to his and would he responsible for fixing. Attorney Johnson Hall stated it was an act of the landowner to repair.

Berryhill talked about the Anderson Road property, the building belongs to the City and needs some maintenance and cleaning up on the outside.

NeSmith stated James McDuffie's driveway located on Anderson Road needed attending to. The City is responsible for drainage and needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

Berryhill asked about the Com South Franchise Agreement? Murkerson stated the agreement draft had been forwarded to their attorney, the FCC said they may not have to pay franchise. Com South will collect fees January 1st retroactive collection to those in Southern Hills.

NeSmith talked about the Recreation Dept. and Sixth Street Ball Park. Commission agreed to take over maintenance of the Sixth Street Park, keep a moratorium on what the Recreation Dept owes the City for the remainder of six months, look at finances after that period. The City does have a verbal agreement with a ball team to maintain during the summer league play.

Berryhill asked about the Shrimp Project? Murkerson stated they had copy of a letter sent to Middle Georgia Regional Development Authority, but no word back. Plan to put land back the way it was, can do most in-house, no specific line item plan. There is an individual who would like to keep project, going through Middle Georgia Tech or Fort Valley State University, but they did not want any further business with the project. Need a time line to put back like was, waiting for letter, official word.

NeSmith stated there is another Shrimp Project going on in Tennessee. He stated to remediate the property.

Berryhill questioned the progress on the owners with dilapidated property. Murkerson said Inspector Turner had sent letters to the owners to respond by November 11, 2005, the process has started.

Commissioners requested send an official thank you letter to those repairing and repainting the RaceTrack fence.

Berryhill asked about the trash ordinance. Murkerson stated Asst. Chief Police Robert McGriff continues to make contacts and send letters.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Larry Harper, representing the Southern Hills Home Owners requested some street improvements in that area and wanted to know when could expect this to be done. Murkerson stated street improvements were a part of SPLOST funding and waiting for funds, will fix street problems temporally.

Tina Taylor stated James Street had never been paved. Murkerson said this was a part of SPLOST and had also been put on the LARP list for paving.

Mr. Ferguson talked to Commissioners again about rain water coming from city streets and storm drains on to his property, coming from Henry Way Street. Murkerson and Gordon were investigating problem, can't go on private property. Ferguson said the mosquitoes were bad there and since city was not spraying for mosquitoes at this time, needed to do something.

There being no further business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Phil NeSmith motioned to go into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

The time was noted at 7:22 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened. The time was noted at 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURN: Phil NeSmith motioned to adjourn. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.