

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a called Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Jerry Murkerson, Finance Director Mitchell Woods and City Clerk Evelyn Herrington.

**APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF INTEREST ON CEMETERY CERTIFICATE:**

James Colson motioned to transfer funds from the Cemetery Certificate exceeding \$5,000.00 to the General Fund for reimbursement on the survey and plat of 21 lots at Orange Hill Cemetery Annex I, done by Georgia Land Services at \$2,250.00 and the average cost of six weeks work at the Cemetery by the Georgia Dept of Corrections Detail at \$4,362.92 and to renew the \$5,000.00 certificate for 12 months at the interest rate of 5%. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

**APPROVE RECOMMENDATION BY THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD:**

**1. BROAD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH – CONDITIONAL USE FOR SIGN:**

James Colson motioned to approve the recommendation for the conditional use for a sign at the Broad Street Baptist Church located on Broad Street. Wilson Credle seconded, Shelly Berryhill abstained, motion passed.

**2. DORIS ELLIS STATHAM 105 S DOOLEY STREET FROM B-2 BUSINESS TO P PROFESSIONAL:**

Manager Murkerson explained that the zoning application by Doris Ellis Statham located at 105 S. Dooley Street requesting a change from B-2 to P was not necessary because assisted living falls under retirement community category not nursing home and the location had previously been a retirement facility. Ms. Statham rescinded her application for the change and the City would refund her the \$50.00 zoning fee. No action was required.

**3. FCS URBAN MINISTRIES, INC. BROAD AND HOUSTON STREET COTTON MILL (PILLOWTEX) FROM I INDUSTRIAL TO R-4 RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY:**

Henry Cravey motioned to approve the recommendation for rezoning of the property known as Pillowtex located on Broad and Houston Streets from I Industrial to R-4 Multi Family. James Colson seconded, motion passed.

**APPROVE APPLICATION TO DCA FOR \$500,000.00 GRANT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PILLOWTEX PROPERTY:** James Colson motioned to approve the application.

The Board with mainly Mr. Credle discussed several issues concerning the project. The grant would be the City's matching funds to help in the redevelopment of the Pillowtex property. The cost of the project had increased from \$6 million to \$10 million. HUD would be involved in finding out if the redevelopment would grow based on what is there now. Not sure if there is a plan for any of the current residents living on Houston and the other area streets. The Board would like to consider special legal counsel for this particular project as to what the City can or cannot do in the nature of multi-year financing, tax abatement, other possible free services. Murkerson stated Attorney Clay Hall had already established his legal opinion. The Board directed Manager Murkerson to try to seek additional legal counsel. Also if the City adopts a resolution, then it would become a financial burden to the City if the grant were awarded.

Henry Cravey seconded Colson's motion, motion passed.

**ADJOURN:** Henry Cravey motioned to adjourn. James Colson seconded, motion passed.