

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman James Colson presiding.

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

Vice-Chair Shelly Berryhill gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of American.

Chairman Colson called the meeting to order, again laying down the ground rules thanking all for their cooperation.

**MINUTES:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Organizational Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded,, motion passed.

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**BUSINESS LICENSE:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve the applications for a business license in the names of;

1. EAST COAST GROUP, LLC  
(31 Joseph Rullo St.- Builder, Angie Young, Manager)
2. LIL' DA'S EXPRESS, LLC  
(117 Shelton Rd.- Trackless Train, V.H. Richardson, owner)
3. DOUBLE BAR B ANGUS RANCH  
(Rt 1 Box 960, Pineview, GA- Angus Cattle, George Clelland, owner)
4. MARKETING UNLIMITED 360 SCREENPRINTING  
(616 N. Lumpkin St.- screen printed shirts & apparel, Quanda D. Coley, owner)

Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

**TRANSFER OF ALCOHOL PACKAGE LICENSE:** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the transfer of the alcohol package license currently held by Ed Darsey, Corner Liquor Store, located at 44 First Street to Arcad Trading US, Inc., Alwyn Richard Noronha, new owner. Wilson Credle seconded, Shelly Berryhill abstained, motion passed.

Manager Murkerson explained according to the City's ordinance alcohol license for package sales only, can be transferred with the \$100.00 investigation fee being paid. The full amount of the license would be due in the next year's renewal.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, CELEBRATING THEIR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the proclamation honoring the Boy Scouts of America in celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme "Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey" and designated February 7-13, 2010 at Scouting Anniversary Week. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

**ASSISTANCE FOR A GEORGIA TECH QUALITY AUDIT FOR**

**HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the assistance with Quality Audit provided by Georgia Tech to the Hawkinsville mill and split the cost with the county at \$3,500.00. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

Lee Slade explained this was a safety rating audit to determine improvements of the business and understood this had already been done. Wilson Credle questioned whether Archway would have had an opportunity for input, could this have been financed through the Pulaski/Hawkinsville Economic Development Authority. Manager Murkerson stated he would check to see if the authority had monies.

**COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE FOR THE U.S. CENSUS:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to appoint the City's committee to include James Joyner, Mary Colson and Linda Nelson. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. Murkerson said he had talked with each and they agreed to serve. The county will appoint their members.

**RESOLUTION APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG HOUSING GRANT) FUNDING:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve the Resolution agreeing to submit an application to the Department of Community Affairs for funding from the CDBG program, identifying the need for neighborhood revitalization, assuring that the City has the ability and intention to undertake this venture and dedicates all required matching funds toward the successful completion of the identified improvements. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed. The application is due April 1, 2010.

**GRANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG HOUSING GRANT):** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the selection of Grant Specialist of Georgia, Inc., Sherry Kurtz, President as administrator for the CDBG Housing Grant: Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed. Manager Murkerson stated request for proposals were sent out to grant administrator firms and Ms. Kurtz was the only proposal returned with interest. This will need DCA's approval.

**GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICER NOMINATION:** Wilson Credle nominated Shelly Berryhill to represent the City as a GMA District 6 Officer. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed. Shelly Berryhill abstained.

**REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT CORNER OF HIGHLAND AVENUE AND SIXTH STREET:** Phil NeSmith motioned to have a street light placed at the location. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:** Manager Murkerson gave a report on the dilapidated houses.

He also gave a report on the Speed Sentry Device, which is now on east bound Broad Street.

Murkerson asked for suggestion on Blighted Property tax. Phil NeSmith stated he was not in favor of tax. Henry Cravey motioned to go ahead with the tax, but there was no second. Wilson Credle said they should talk about this when they meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for recommendations for the March meeting.

Nick Kouloungis gave a report on the proposed CDBG Housing grant application; stating four (4) Public Hearings had been held at different churches on the north and south sides of town. There was good input from those attending. A further investigation will be done to target the best location and would ask Commission for approval when target area selected. Credle asked if could make the 23<sup>rd</sup> a final date for this decision, if so can call for a meeting to approve either the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

Murkerson stated there would be a one day retreat for GICH on the 25<sup>th</sup> in Griffin, Georgia and needed to know who all would be attending.

**CONTRACT WITH OCMULGEE SITE AND ENGINEERING FOR ORCHARD HILL IMPROVEMENTS:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve the contract with the necessary changes made. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed. The storm water monitoring is under construction, contingency dollars in grant. The construction survey is not covered in the contract.

Manager Murkerson reported the Wastewater Distribution System main on Jordon Drive had been causing overflow problems for customers with sewage not working when it rains. The Georgia Rural Water Association has done a video of the system and will bring their vacuum truck to clean out the problem area of system. The City may have to spend funds to improve the problem, with a possible loan from GEFA or possibly from SPLOST funds.

Murkerson handed out the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan to look over for next meeting.

**POLICE REPORT:** McGriff gave a report on the inoperative motor vehicles. A report for the 2009 citations by officer was prepared and handed out.

**BETTER HOMETOWN REPORT:** Karen Bailey had given Commissioners a report on the different things going on with Better Hometown.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Mitchell Woods handed out the cash and other financial reports for December 2009. He stated that the LOST budget for the year is \$485,000.00, and collections are short \$12,300 compared to budget for 7 months.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Phil NeSmith reported the Community Mental Health Center in Hawkinsville would not be closing. Commissioners commended the City and County for being proactive in getting the facility to remain opened.

NeSmith said they needed to get a list of what was needed for the next SPLOST. This will be on the July ballot, and must have Public hearing prior.

Wilson Credle commended Mitchell Woods for the excellent report he provided on the Police Dept. expenses, average tax cost analysis for the 2010 budget.

Murkerson stated there would be a general work session Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. to talk with County Commissioner Brooks Bailey and County Sheriff Billy Cape and others. Credle asked Woods to try and provide a report on the average tax cost from the county.

Henry Cravey had received some complaints and requested HURA and Codes Enforcement check into what needed to be done about the Satterfield house next to Hardee's on Broad Street.

Cravey again commended the Police Dept for their hard work.

Wilson Credle talked about the history of the Scott Smith house on S. Jackson Street and how quickly the property was transformed, a very good outcome.

Lee Slade, CEO Chamber of Commerce and United Pulaski, Inc. reported a grant had been recovered from the Home Depot Foundation Building Better Communities using United Pulaski, Inc. as a non profit organization to receive the grant funds. \$2,500.00 was awarded and will be used for wheelchair ramps for the handicap access to homes in the community.

Slade stated he had a meeting to show the Spec Bldg. but it was around 5:30 p.m. and the lights were not working. He suggested a block box for power for lighting. Public Works Johnny Gordon will be replacing the bulbs and placing secure switches. Slade also said the building needed to be more secured for liability reasons. The roof is leaking, but not down the walls.

Shelly Berryhill asked the progress of the water meters at Southern Hills. Murkerson stated it was a slow process, but were being attended to.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Sheril Green asked about recycling and the parking lot at the library. Murkerson explained they would look for cost effectiveness on recycling and the parking lot for the library belonged to the county. The City did cut the trees on the right of way at the property.

There being no further business.

**ADJOURN:** Phil NeSmith motioned to adjourn. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chairman, Board of Commission  
Hawkinsville, Georgia

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City Clerk

