

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman James Colson presiding.

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

Wilson Credle gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Colson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 Regular Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2010 Called Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

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

1. L & T ROOFING
(78 Cannon Road- roofing, painting, pressure washing, Tammie Rickerson, owner)
2. AUTOLYNX, LLC
(318 Industrial Blvd.- Auction- Lisc. 2 Auction Automobiles, J. Heather Nardi, member Autolynx, LLC)

Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE (Basis for establishing areas of special flood hazard as required by FEMA) 2nd reading: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.
The amendment will delete Sec 5.3.5(b) in its entirety and add a new Sec. 5.3.5(b).

ADOPT AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE (to bring the City in line with 2009 and earlier amendments to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act as required by EPD) 2nd reading: Henry Cravey motioned to approve. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.
The amendment will delete Division 2 of Article V and add Division 2 Article V, Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Sec. 5.2.1 through 5.2.9.

RESOLUTION LOAN NUMBER 88-053-WS: Shelly Berryhill motioned to certify the resolution borrowing \$1,000,000 from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A defined Loan Agreement have not been repealed or amended and remain in full force and effect. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.
Chairman James Colson signed the Resolution.

FUNDING FOR PULASKI TOMORROW: Phil NeSmith motioned to fund \$2,000.00 to help cover cost for the Pulaski Tomorrow Leadership program. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR PULASKI TOMORROW LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Phil NeSmith motioned to pay up to \$1,000.00 tuition (5 slots, cost per person \$200.00) for those City Employees chosen to attend the classes. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE PULASKI COUNTY/HAWKINSVILLE

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Shelly Berryhill motioned to table. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

Wilson Credle requested this be discussed at their final SPLOST workshop.

CITY MANAGER’S UPDATES: Manager Murkerson gave a report on the dilapidated houses from Codes Enforcement. He stated the City Employees who are certified inspectors have inspected the last list of houses and determined that four of the five must be treated as if they contained asbestos. We have resent the RFP’s with the inspection report included. After some discussion of the asbestos procedures,

CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR DILAPIDATED HOUSES: Phil NeSmith motioned to accept all low bids except 518 Commerce Street. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

The Housing Authority Board and Executive Director, Ms. Rachel Pitts recommended Mr. Leonard Lester to fill the vacancy on the Board.

APPOINT MEMBER TO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD: Shelly Berryhill motioned to appoint Leonard Lester. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

Murkerson reported the City has a balance of \$8,273. (April figures) in the mosquito fund and have started the aerial spraying of the wet areas. The contractor informs us that this will stifle the population of mosquitoes in the future. He is charging us \$790. per spray for the wet areas and he will spray them 3 times per month. He is charging \$1,995. per spray for the whole City and will spray the City once every 2 months unless we specify a different schedule. Wilson Credle requested we run a letter in the paper on the safety of the mosquito spraying chemicals.

Murkerson shared a letter from DCA which read that they had amended the balance of funds from the CDBG grant on the Orchard Hill project to be used at Forest Hill Circle.

Murkerson stated the County would be preparing the SPLOST Resolution to be placed as a Referendum on the July 2010 ballot. The City would need to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the County.

POLICE REPORT: Murkerson stated the revenues on fines have gone back up. Asst. Chief Robert McGriff was present to answer any questions. McGriff gave a report on the abandoned vehicles. Commissioners commended the Police.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORT: Better Hometown Board will meet Tuesday May 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Bailey’s report included projects on the River Parks Advisory Committee, the Georgia Canoe Association paddle event held May 1&2., the Blue Way project, the promotions committee working on plans to develop the “First Friday” event for downtown merchants and restaurants. will participate in a national program the “3/50” Project designed to promote local shopping to save the local economy. Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission will sponsor historic tour, Middle School Georgia History students on May 10th. A workshop will be May 12th at the Opera House on Tax Incentives and the Certified Local Government Coordinator, the Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway project, the Hawkinsville grant of \$1,000. from State Farm for the garden project partnered with UGA Archway, PCMS, 4-H, PCMS, the Jimmy Carter Center and Hawkinsville Garden Club for pollinator- wildflower gardens at Mile Branch River Park, groundbreaking event held April 22nd at Mile branch River Park celebration of Earth Day & Global Youth Service Day. She stated the job for the Opera House windows repairs using the Georgia Heritage grant had received one bid from Denton Coleman of Eastman and she had submitted it to Murkerson for your consideration.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed out the cash and other financial reports for March 2010. He reported the SPLOST funds were \$9,000 ahead of last year, but compared to budget would be \$16,000 short for the year based on current collections.
The margins have increased in gas due to increased volumes and higher rates charged to residential and business customers.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:
James Colson had none.
Phil NeSmith had none.
Shelly Berryhill appreciated the information on the different Boards and Authorities.
Wilson Credle talked about Archway. Consultants of Wadley, Donovan & Gutshaw work to generate a report card on the city and county competitiveness as a business location will speak for itself.
Henry Cravey reported on the Paddlers canoeing down the river this past weekend, that there were 65 people from 24 cities and they ranged from 5 years to 85 years old. It was a great event.
Cravey said they needed to look into the future a plan for a 4 day work week.. He commended the Police for their work.

Mary Beth Bass thanked the Commission for helping to fund the Pulaski Tomorrow Leadership classes.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:
Dorothy Williams made a complaint about the trash not being picked up in her area for at least 4 months. Commissioners directed Manager Murkerson to follow up.
Morgan Knowles stated the paving contractors did a fine job repaving the street he lives on and recommended they be hired for the next paving job. He really appreciated the work..
Drew Cravey said the Harness Festival and parade was a great success this year and the Ocmulgee Order would hold their May meeting at Southern Hills.

There being no further business.

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

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

City Clerk