

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting Monday May 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman Henry Cravey presiding.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Henry Cravey, Vice-chair James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith.

Henry Cravey gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Cravey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**MINUTES:** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 Regular Meeting. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**MINUTES:** James Colson motioned to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2012 Called Meeting. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AGREEMENT WITH PULASKI COUNTY:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to table because no agreement had been presented to date. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING AMEND ORDINANCE BY DELETING SECTION 11-16 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11-16 ACTIVITIES**

**PROHIBITED AFTER MIDNIGHT:** Phil NeSmith motioned to adopt the amended ordinance. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAWKINSVILLE-PULASKI COUNTY ARCHWAY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the agreement. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

Berryhill stated he is on the executive committee of Archway and felt this is one of the best programs that has happened to this community.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT FROM Dr PEPPER SNAPPLE GROUP-KaBOOM! FOR FUNDS AWARDED THROUGH THE LET'S PLAY COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT COLSON PARK:** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the agreement for grant funds of \$9,000, with the playground being built using the KaBoom! Community-build model and purchase the playground equipment from a preferred vendor with a discount of \$6,000 with the City's match of \$9,000. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**HAWKINSVILLE RIVERWALK PHASE I PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1 AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUTURE 5' BOARDWALK AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK PAY UNIT MODIFICATION AND ADDITION:** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the change order #1 agreement which includes the addition of 300 feet of boardwalk to extend down the river as well as an increase in the concrete sidewalk to be installed in the project with a net increase in the scope of work at \$66,420. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL OF GEORGIA:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the memorandum of agreement for space to be occupied by the Technical College System of Georgia located at the Sam Way Workforce Development Center with the Tenant agreeing to pay \$1.00 per year lease and responsible for all telecom and utility expenses and the City responsible for all other operating expenses for the premises. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**ELECTION OF GMA DISTRICT 6 OFFICIERS FOR 2012-2013:** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the proposed slate of officers to be nominated as GMA's District 6 Officers for 2012-2013, President: Jo Anna Banks, Councilmember, Forsyth, First Vice President: Shelly Berryhill, Commissioner, Hawkinsville, Second Vice President: Vicki Horne, Mayor, McIntyre and Third Vice President: Randall Walker, Councilmember, Perry. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions. Shelly Berryhill abstained.

**RESULTS OF TRAFFIC STUDY AT STATE ROUTE 11 AND TRUMAN ROAD INDICATES SIGNAL NOT WARRANTED AT THIS LOCATION:** Manager Murkerson handed out the results of the study, which indicated a signal light was not warranted at the location. No action by Commission at this time.

**RE-APPOINTMENT TO (HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**  
Phil NeSmith motioned to reappoint

Post 2 Dorothy Williams to serve another three (3) year term and  
Post 3 Bill Wall to serve another three (3) year term

James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

Bill Wall spoke on behalf of HURA thanking the City for their interest in this project, for the funding, training and legal support and hoped that they would continue to support the funding in the next year. He stated that HURA meets once a month, but lately they have not had a quorum and requested the City consider allowing HURA to bring in the county's members. The county is in the process of adopting an ordinance and if possible may work out an agreement to use the same board members. Wall also said need to appoint members who are willing to serve.  
Phil NeSmith said they would look at funding during budget, but felt the city employees needed a raise. No action was taken.

**APPOINT AS A CITY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO FILL WILSON CREDLE'S POSITION ON:  
PULASKI COUNTY/HAWKINSVILLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:  
HAWKINSVILLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 9/13/2012:**

Phil NeSmith motioned to table. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**CONSIDER FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM WILSON CREDLE HELD AS A MEMBER ON THE (HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, POST 1 THREE (3) YEAR TERM:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to table. Ken Hardy seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** Shelly Berryhill stated an email had been sent that Bembry Pritchett had moved outside the city limits and would no longer qualify as a member and she would send a letter of resignation to the Board of Commissioners. Shelly Berryhill motioned to go ahead and appoint Eric Richardson to fill the Post 6 position for the three (3) year term which will expire 11/2/2014. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES:**

I have included a summary report and a detailed report about dilapidated housing and unclean lots from Codes Enforcement. We have two more properties with court dates assigned, as indicated on the summary report. We will continue as long as budget funds are available.

I have included a work order synopsis for the month of April from our customer service system. These are completed work orders only.

I have also included an arrears report listing commercial customers who are behind on their bills.

The Consolidation Study Committee will hold a community listening session on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at the annex auditorium. I have included the minutes from the last meeting in your notebook.

The Industrial Park infrastructure project is now about 90% percent complete.

We have received a grant for playground equipment at Colson Park from KaBoom! organization for \$15,000 with a local match of \$9,000. We have received an estimate from Georgia Power Company Sports Lighting department for \$115,151.47 to purchase an installed lighting scheme and the same scheme monthly lease amount of \$2,654.35.

**Street light at McDuffie and Daniel Streets?** Manager Murkerson stated there was a light already there, only put one light at every other pole. He would check with Georgia Power on more efficient lighting.

I have asked City Attorney David Walker to initiate the process of creating a Joint Airport Authority.

The Law Enforcement Report was included in the Commissioner's notebook.

**Better Hometown Report**

Better Hometown Board of Directors: meets May 21 @ 10:00 am  
annual work planning session facilitated by DCA & Archway.

Promotions Committee:

Meets May 18 @ 12:00 –Kimberly Room, Opera House

Design Committee/ \*Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission  
Meets Tuesday, May 22 @ 4:00 pm. Opera House

- Historic Preservation projects:
- Historic Tour for PCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Georgia History students May 22
- Hawkinsville Heritage Walking Driving Tour – project partnering with Hawkinsville Garden Club. (\$7,302.00 HPD grant)
- Old Fire House Restoration. Committee – ongoing planning.

#### Organization Committee:

- Signage Committee – seeking funding sources to fund way finding signage for downtown & Sponsors for Welcome to Hawkinsville signs.
- BHT River Parks Advisory Council:  
Multi Region River Corridor meeting @ MGRC, Macon May 16 @ 1:30

Economic Restructuring Committee /  
Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority:  
DDA meets per called meetings. No date available.

#### May Meetings / Events:

- 2– 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly report to HPD Grant Coordinator
- 3-GA Academy Economic Development – Macon; 8 am – 4 pm
- 11- Hosting Jones County PLAN group; 11:00 am– 3:00 pm
- 12- Monthly BHT report to DCA
- 15- DCA – BHT/MS work shop in Forsyth 8:30 -4:00
- 16 – MGRC; Multi Region River Corridor meeting, Macon
- 18- BHT Promotions Committee @ 1:00 pm, Opera House
- 21- Annual BHT Work planning session – 10 am until –  
\* involves All BHT committees & BHT Board of Directors.
- 22- Host Historic Tour for PCMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

#### Archway Report

##### Community Health

- UGA Public Health Archway Professional Laura Gillman spoke to a group from Taylor Regional Hospital on May 2. The group comprised of Hospital administrators, Board members and hospital employees who live in Pulaski County, previewed work done by the College of Public Health in the community and looked forward to working on an Archway community health committee.
- UGA Public Health Archway Professional, Laura Gillman, has concluded her interviews on health in Pulaski County. Laura and her team will present the results of the needs assessment, focus groups and one-on-one interviews on Wednesday, May 16 to the Archway Executive Committee and Community Health Chair Skip McDannald. A local Community health group will meet in the future to discuss the presentation. **If you are interested in being a part of the Community Health Committee, please contact the Archway Office.**

##### Economic Development

- Terry College of Business students a refinishing up work on a Pulaski County Economic Development Plan that will focus on ways to capitalize on unique assets of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.
- University of Georgia MPA students are finalizing a survey of Chamber of Commerce Web Sites. The study is part of the “Communities of Opportunity” web enhancement initiative. The goal of the project is to improve the efficiency of the Chamber site and maximize value to Chamber members.

- UGA Journalism students are writing new content for the newly designed United Pulaski website based on the recommendations of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The site is changing to meet the needs of economic development consultants. These consultants now account for over 60% of site selection in Georgia. New print materials will be part of a coordinated economic development strategy in this plan.
- UGA Department of Agriculture Director of Economic Development and Agribusiness, Kent Wolfe was in town for an Agri-tourism meeting with interested parties. He will be working with state Tourism rep Lori Hennesy, Kim Brown and interested community members to compose local agri-tourism itineraries.

#### Government Service Delivery

- UGA Grad Student Mario Cambardella presented site plans to the Rec Department Committee for the newly acquired property adjacent to the rec department.

#### Housing

- Since the community has graduated from the GICH program, Archway will continue to support community housing initiatives through HURA. AT the last meeting, it was reported that 5 locations are currently in the process of being cleared with the appropriated funds.

#### Leadership Development

- Recruitment is now underway for the 2012 Pulaski Tomorrow Class. The Planning and Steering committee meets again Thursday, May 24th at 8:30 in the Annex. Applications for the 2012 class will be accepted through May 17<sup>th</sup> and are available from the Archway Office, the Chamber of Commerce, Kimberly's, or any Pulaski Tomorrow Member.
- 2011 Pulaski Tomorrow members will be selling raffle tickets in April to raise money for a community gateway sign. The tickets are \$5 and the winner will receive a charcoal grill and stand from Ace hardware.

#### Public Education

- Archway has announced two new partners from the College of Education to work with the Education committee in the areas of Parental Involvement and Student Technology.
- UGA student projects on successful school models, art enrichment and gifted and talented programs were presented to Pulaski County Schools on May 4th.

### **Chamber of Commerce Report**

- The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting was held on March 13, 2012 at the Pulaski Annex.
- The Board of Directors selected The Columns of Georgia as Business of the Month for May

- Therisa and Karen helped the Cochran Chamber with their Secret Shopper event.
- Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors-Travis Bentley promoted the Harness Festival at WMAZ on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Therisa made a visit to Black Gold in an effort to obtain volunteers for the Harness Festival. Seven of the employees volunteered for parking and ticket booth. They all did an excellent job.
- Therisa, Travis Bentley and the Harness Festival Queens made appearances on WSST in Cordele on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> in an effort to promote the Harness Festival.
- ComSouth Fireworks, Big Daddy Band and several food vendors participated in the opening ceremony for our Harness Festival on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Harness Festival was held on April 21, good attendance, great weather and wonderful entertainment, arts and crafts etc. was enjoyed by all that attended.
- The 2012 Youth Leadership Class volunteered at the Harness Festival and we received many compliments on our students participation.
- Therisa and Kim and the 2012 Youth Leadership Class made a site visit to Pulaski State Prison on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The chamber members honored the Columns of Georgia on April 30<sup>th</sup> and made pictures for the newspaper for being selected Business of the Month for May.
- On Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Therisa and Kim attended a wrap up meeting for Teen Maze and made suggestions for the next event to be held in 2014.
- Kim attended Peaches to the Beaches follow up meeting
- Therisa and Lee represented the Chamber of Commerce at the Blessing of the Crops on  
4-12-12
- The Chamber hosted an Agri-Tourism meeting on 4-26-12

#### **Economic Development Report**

- Continue to work on two projects for spec bldg which are the Bio Mass Project for Industrial Park and the Distribution Center.
- Working on Archway Executive Committee with active projects being; website, tourism, strategic plan for United Pulaski, leadership, and community health.
- Combining efforts of Chamber, Better Hometown, Arts council and Archway on strategic plan for our tourism projects
- Working on future events for Rivers Alive and Blueway
- Working with Ken Lavet with IDIOM on major motion picture to feature Hawkinsville
- Working on new project (Southern Comfort) which is a manufacturer of cans for Chicken of the Sea, Star Kist, and all cans for Sardines.

- Working on Agri-Tourism project.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Mitchell Woods handed out the financial reports for March 2012. He stated SPLOST funds had been used to purchase a used limb truck and it was already in use. He reported the LOST collections were 4% better than last years. Gas sales had really been hit hard due to the warm weather.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

James Colson had none.

Ken Hardy had none.

Henry Cravey asked when the farmers market would be ready. Murkerson said the contractors have stated August, but progress has been delayed due to a roofing problem. Cravey asked when United Pulaski, Inc. met, that he would like Ken Hardy to attend.

Shelly Berryhill thanked Michelle Elliott for the great job she had done with Archway. They are looking at grants for the proposed Skate Park. The donated property will be the City's match, Ocmulgee Engineers are helping with the survey.

Berryhill talked about the importance of the T SPLOST bill passing in our region. He state the main advantage is that Pulaski County could possibly receive more tax dollars than we contribute. It is also very important for our community for local transportation needs.

Phil NeSmith had none.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Joe English voiced his concerns about the conditions of the Harness Track, that the maintenance was not up to par, the arena was not maintained at all and the festival was so late this year that most of the horsemen had already gone back home. Manager Murkerson told Mr. English that the track and Arena were leased property, but he would talk to them. The City has the prison detail go twice a year to clean and cut the property. The Chamber is looking at changing the festival date to the first weekend in April. Mr. English also reported that he was at the track last week for over an hour and a front end loader was left unattended and was running. Murkerson stated some mechanical work was being done on the equipment, but was not sure why it was left running. He would check in to that and appreciated his concerns.

Dorothy Williams told Commissioner she was pleased to continue to serve on HURA. She reported there were areas in town that looked awful and needed some attention. People are bringing in trash from some where else and putting it on property in the city limits.

Phil NeSmith also mentioned the problem of city dumpsters being filled with county garbage and needed to notify law enforcement to be checking on this problem.

There being no further business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Phil NeSmith motioned to go into an executive session to discuss future acquisition of real estate. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

The time was noted at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting reopened. The time was noted at 7:12 p.m.

Phil NeSmith suggested they make a request to the Technical School to make available to citizens, a drivers education course.

There being no further business.

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

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Chairman, Board of Commission  
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

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City Clerk