

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Vice-Chair James Colson presiding.

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

Manager Jerry Murkerson gave a prayer, All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Vice-Chair James Colson called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

**MINUTES:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 Regular Meeting. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No opposition or abstains.

**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST) AGREEMENT WITH PULASKI COUNTY:**

Shelly Berryhill motioned to table again, since no agreement had been presented by the county. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed to table by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No opposition or abstains.

**APPOINT COMMISSIONER TO PULASKI COUNTY/HAWKINSVILLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Phil NeSmith motioned to appoint Commission Ken Hardy to the authority. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions Ken Hardy abstained.

**APPOINT COMMISSIONER TO HAWKINSVILLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Phil NeSmith motioned to appoint Henry Cravey to the authority to fill a two (2) year term that will expire 9/13/2012. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**APPOINT TO POST 1 HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HURA) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED THREE (3) YEAR TERM:** Phil NeSmith motioned to table since had not heard from HURA Board for recommendations. Ken Hardy seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**APPROVE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN THE NAMES OF;** Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the applications for a business license for The following with the stipulation that Charles K. Whitman owner of Kenny's Fried Chicken & Seafood submits the proper documents required. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

1. CARDEN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
(52 Commerce St.- Crop Insurance Agency, Robert E Carden, Jr. President)
2. TIP TOP SERVICES  
(37 Bentleyville Rd. – Cleaning, Lawn Care, Pressure Washing, Pet Sitting, Heidi Bentley, owner)
- 3 KENNY'S FRIED CHICKEN & SEAFOOD  
(70 N. Lumpkin St.- Restaurant, Charles K. Whitman, owner)  
Stipulations submit proper documents as required.

**REQUEST BY HEART OF GEORGIA PEANUT & GIN CO., OFFER TO**

**PURCHASE ROGER’S ALLEY:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to accept Heart of Georgia Peanut & Gin Co.’s offer to purchase the abandoned alley known as Roger’s Alley for an amount of \$200.00. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains. Manager Murkerson explained the city had already elected to abandon the alley and all property owners adjacent had been notified.

**FUNDING FOR PULASKI TOMORROW, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:** Ken Hardy motioned to help sponsor the 2012 Pulaski Tomorrow Leadership Class with funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 for materials and meals for the City’s budget FY2013. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**JOINT AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR ATTORNEY TO PRESENT ACT TO LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:** Shelly Berryhill motioned to name the proposed authority Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Airport Authority with the City appointing three (3) members and the County appointing three (3) members. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains. Attorney David Walker stated he would prepare the Act for Commissioner to review.

**RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL**

**BEVERAGE PERMITS:** Phil NeSmith motioned to set the fees based on the States fees at \$50.00 per permit. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains. A resolution would be prepared to indicate the fees set.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE PROCEDURE FOR REVOCATION AND**

**SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR BUSINESS LICENSE:** Manger Murkerson explained the ordinance would delete Section 3-4 in its entirety and add a new Section 3-4 of the Alcohol ordinances and add Section 16-2 to the Business License ordinances. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be presented at the July 2012 Regular Meeting.

**PURCHASE BACKHOE/LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.:** Phil NeSmith motioned to purchase a 2005 John Deere Backhoe/Loader for the Public Works Department for approximately \$37,000.00 and pay \$3,000.00 to have to old Backhoe put back together and returned to the city for possible sale. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

**CITY MANAGER’S UPDATES:**

I have included a summary report about dilapidated housing and unclean lots from Codes Enforcement.

I have included a work order synopsis for the month of May 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’s next meeting is Thursday, June 7, 6:00 PM at the annex auditorium. I have included the minutes from the May 9 listening session and the May 14 regular meeting in your notebook.

The Industrial Park infrastructure project is now about 95% percent complete. The only item to complete is a pressure pumping station to enhance the system performance for the Industrial Park and Southern Hills subdivision.

We are in the process of choosing the right equipment and vendor for the Colson Park playground equipment utilizing the KaBoom grant guidelines.

I have asked for a proposal from Georgia Power Company to convert our Street lights to a more economical fixture.

We were notified by the Environmental Protection Division, DNR, that a rule change regarding inert landfills is being considered. If the change becomes effective it will have a significant impact on how we handle our inert waste. I will attend a hearing on this rule change Thursday, June 7 in Atlanta. I have contacted GMA and Rep. Buddy Harden and Sen. Ross Tolleson to help with this issue. Rep. Harden visited our inert landfill last week and has assured me that he will help us from the legislative venue.

I have included notification from GMA about a training session on August 3 & 4 for your perusal. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

The Law Enforcement Report is included in your notebook.

### **Hawkinsville Better Hometown**

Better Hometown Board of Directors: meets June 19 @ 11:00 am

Promotions Committee:

Meets June 12 & June 15 @ 12:00 @ Opera House

Planning 2012 downtown Harvest Fest event

Design Committee/ \*Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission Meets Tuesday, June 26 @ 4:00 pm. Opera House

- Historic Preservation projects:
- 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: meets with Ocmulgee River Blueway Partnership- \*date to be announced for June meeting.

Economic Restructuring Committee /

Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority:

DDA meets per called meetings. No date available.

JUNE:

5- meeting with Perry event coordinator/planning Harvest Fest

5- Pulaski Tomorrow- new class starts @ 5:30 -Taylor Regional

11- Congressman Scott- MGTC/WR 9:00-12:00 “Back to Business”

12- BHT monthly report to DCA

12- Promotion Committee 12:00- Opera House

15- Promotion Committee 12:00 – Opera House

16- Evening With James Brown-Opera House 7:30 \* tickets \$25

19- BHT BOD meets @ 11:00 –Opera House

23---26- City Commission @ GMA @ Savannah

26- HPC meets @ 4:00 – Opera House

Tba- Ocmulgee River Blueway Partnership meeting in Hawkinsville

## Archway Report

### Community Health

- UGA Public Health Archway Professional Laura Gillman spoke to Taylor Regional Hospital and the Archway Executive Committee in May. She presented a “Community Health Needs Assessment” prepared by UGA College of Public Health graduate student, Rich Christiana, as well as the findings of community focus groups and interviews.
- A local Community health issue work group will meet soon to create a work plan to improve health in Pulaski County. The Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Committee that was formed as part of the Co-Op program will be part of this new group as well as representatives from the Hospital and the Health Department. Skip McDannald will chair the committee. **If you are interested in being a part of the Community Health Committee, please contact the Archway Office.**

### Economic Development

- UGA MBA student, Brent Wetmore, completed the second phase of United Pulaski’s strategic plan. In this planning document Mr. Wetmore identified emerging industries, work skills that will be in demand, marketing opportunities and unique assets to be developed in Pulaski County. In the next few months, this work will be presented to community members, and input will be sought for the final phase of the United Pulaski strategic plan. **If you are interested in being a part of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Economic Development Committee, please contact the Archway Office.**
- University of Georgia MPA student Megan Miller has completed 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. In the next couple of months, the Chamber will be working with UGA’s Small Business Development Center to seek input from the community on Chamber benefits and services. **If you would like to participate in these meetings, please contact the Chamber.**
- UGA Journalism student Casie Walker is writing new content for the 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. The site will have state of the art GIS data on the Spec Building and will feature an educational asset map of the area developed by UGA grad student Hillary de Jarnett from the School of Social Work. New print materials will be developed later as part of a coordinated economic development plan. The goal is to have new websites up and running for United Pulaski and the Chamber this fall.
- As part of the follow up to the visit of the tourism assessment team last year, a new group has formed to develop agritourism opportunities in Pulaski County. Organized by the Chamber and

Archway, this group is working with UGA Department of Agriculture Director of Economic Development and Agribusiness Kent Wolfe to identify, develop and market agritourism assets. A one day workshop in the community will take place on June 15 and community members will travel to Jaemor Farms in Lula, Georgia in mid-July for a workshop sponsored by the Georgia Agritourism Association (GAA).

- UGA Archway Professional Michelle Elliott and Kim Brown traveled to a one day Hotel/ Motel Tax Workshop in May. The work shop reviewed the proper use and management of Hotel/ Motel tax for tourism and was conducted by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

#### Government Service Delivery

- UGA College of Environment and Design students have been in town to work on summer projects. Mapping the trails at the Uchee Shoals Boat Landing and beautification of the Technology Park entrance will be two of the projects they will be working on in Hawkinsville.

#### 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 locations are currently in the process of being cleared as funds are available.

#### Leadership Development

- The 2012 Class of Pulaski Tomorrow starts Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 PM in the Sam Way Learning Center. This year's class has 18 participants. All alumni and facilitators are invited to attend the kick-off class and low country boil. Please RSVP to [pulaskitomorrow@comsouth.net](mailto:pulaskitomorrow@comsouth.net) or (478)783-LEAD.
- Pulaski Tomorrow will be hosting an "Opportunity Fair" on Tuesday, October 9. The purpose of the event is to educate class participants about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the community. **If your club or civic group would like a table at the Opportunity Fair, please contact the Archway Office.**

#### Public Education

- Archway has announced two new partners from the College of Education to work with the Education committee in the areas of Parent Engagement and Instructional Technology. We will also have two grad students from the UGA College of Education that assist the community Education Committee on projects. **If you are interested in being a part of the Archway Education Committee, please contact the Archway Office.**
- UGA College of Education graduate student, Edward Joaquin, presented information on magnet schools, charter systems and international baccalaureate programs to school administrators in May. Archway will continue to provide research and support for Pulaski County Schools on the charter system process.
- Archway Professional Michelle Elliott attended Parent Café training with Vonnie Berryhill in May. This facilitation training

was sponsored by Family Connections and seeks to build and strengthen parent relationships in a supportive setting.

### **Hawkinsville/Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce**

- The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting was held on May 4, 2012 at the Pulaski Annex.
- The Board of Directors selected Middle Georgia EMC as Business of the Month for June.
- Therisa, Kim and the Youth Leadership Class attended A Mission Quest at WRAF on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All the students had the opportunity to participate in a flight simulator.
- Kim and the Youth Leadership Class volunteered with Relay for Life on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

These students were responsible for making balloons and arranging luminaries.

- Therisa, Kim and the Youth Leadership Class attended the County Commission Meeting on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>. Kim met with SBDC representative to plan a small business workshop.
- Therisa and the Youth Leadership Class toured the courthouse and county jail on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Peggy Faucett was the guide for the courthouse and Larry Jackson represented the county jail.
- Therisa and Kim and the Youth Leadership Class attended the Pulaski County Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Therisa and Kim attended a Family Connection Meeting on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Therisa spoke with the Pulaski County Middle School on May 14<sup>th</sup> concerning how to prepare and be a good job shadow student.
- The 2012 Youth Leadership Graduation was held at The Steakhouse on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker for this event was Mr. Melvin Everson, Director and Administrator of the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing. Mr. Everson is the former Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Work Force Development.
- Therisa and Kim attended a Better Hometown Committee meeting on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Kim attended a Golden Isles Parkway meeting in Eastman on May 9<sup>th</sup> to continue plans for 2013 Peaches to the Beaches
- Kim attended a Hotel/Motel Tax Seminar in Tybee Island on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Kim visited local businesses with a Tourism Travel Writer on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Therisa and Kim worked at the ComSouth Classic Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 30th in an effort to raise funds for the Youth Leadership Program.

### **United Pulaski Economic Development**

- Working with local company on an expansion, possibly Industrial Park.
- Working with another local company on an expansion including a loading dock.
- 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 Blue Way
- 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.
- Working with Region 6 committee to get Transportation Splost passed

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Mitchell Woods presented the financial reports for April 2012. He reported the LOST collections were 5 % more than last year. The gas sales have gone way down due to early spring warmer weather.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** James Colson had none. Ken Hardy had none. Shelly Berryhill had none. Phil NeSmith had none. Shelly Berryhill did ask for the correct time for the Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> Budget Review. The review will be at 9:00 a.m., but Manager Murkerson would not be there and Mitchell Woods would present the proposed FY 2013 budget.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Dorothy Williams questioned the mosquito spraying. She didn't think that it had been done this year and she was being charged for the service. She said she knew the pilot was sick and the plane was out of commission. Ms. Williams was told that the spraying was being done, but would confirm.

Elizabeth Smith spoke again about her previous request for Speed Zone signs on Highland Avenue and requested a Speed Breaker on that street. She also talked about her previous concerns about the gas odor at the corner of Anderson Lane and Sixth Street. She stated that to date none of this had been done. Manager Murkerson would check on these issues.

Drew Cravey of the Ocmulgee Order stated they would be attending at least one meeting per month, whether city, county or school.

Karen Bailey talked about the new Historic Tour Guide, the Fall Downtown Harvest Festival in October.

Lee Slade said another project was in the works.

Chuck Southerland reported the Rivers Alive main event September 29-30 with the Georgia paddlers. There will be a Bar-b-Que and entertainment and the main clean up would be that Saturday. It will be a big event.

Karen Bailey stated there would be a Community wide Blood Drive in July at the First United Methodist Church.

There being no further comments.

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

The time was noted at 6:38 p.m.

Shelly Berryhill motioned to reopen the meeting. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith.

The time was noted at 6:50 p.m.

Commissioners talked about the property adjacent to the Orangehill Cemetery Section on N. Dooley Street. Murkerson explained a title search had been done. He was directed to contact the owner(s) to see if they would sell to city as possible extension to the present cemetery. They also talked about the old Head Start school property on the backside of the cemetery on Lumpkin Street. Berryhill said the school system had already made a quitclaim deed of the property over to the county and would need to discuss with County Commissioner.  
No action was taken.

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