

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday July 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman Henry Cravey presiding.

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

Shelly Berryhill gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Henry Cravey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES: Ken Hardy motioned to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012 Regular Meeting. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

MINUTES: James Colson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Called Meeting. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

MINUTES: James Colson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2012 Called Meeting. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AGREEMENT (LOST): Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the agreement with Pulaski County and agreed to a 50/50 division of the LOST taxes based on the Service Delivery Contracts in place as of July 1, 2012. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

BUSINESS LICENSE: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve an application for a business license in the name of;

HARD DRIVE SOLUTIONS, LLL
(18 Woodcrest Rd. – Computer repair, Mark Witherington)

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

2ND READING ORDINANCE PROCEDURE FOR REVOCATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE OR BUSINESS LICENSE: James Colson motioned to adopt the ordinance for procedures for revocation of alcoholic beverage license or business license by deleting Sec. 3-4 and adding a new Sec. 3-4 and by deleting Sec. 16-1 through 16-8 and adding a new Sec. 16-1 and a new Sec. 16-2. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

1ST READING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 3-181, SEC. 3-183 AND ADD DEC. 3-190 AND SEC. 3-191, SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT LICENSE: Manager Murkerson stated the ordinance had been revised to clearly reflect the guidelines. 2nd reading will be presented at the August 6, 2012 meeting. No action taken.

JOINT RESOLUTION OF CITY OF HAWKINSVILLE AND PULASKI COUNTY COMMISSION TO EMPOWER A CHARTER COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER FOR CONSOLIDATION: James Colson motioned to approve the joint resolution that will empower a committee of eight people from the City and eight from the County to serve as Charter Committee responsible for devising a charter to serve as the framework for consolidating both governments and resolved the

committee be appointed immediately and work in concert with Sole Commissioner and City Commission members to devise a Charter by December 31, 2012. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Shelly Berryhill motioned to appoint those serving as the Study Committee for the City to be reappointed to serve on the Charter Committee. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A JOINT CITY/COUNTY AIRPORT

AUTHORITY: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the resolution for the City and County's desire to create and establish an airport authority, that the authority be named the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Airport Authority, that the legislative delegation take necessary steps to pass an act creating the authority, that the authority be composed of six members, three appointed by the City and three by the County for staggered terms thereafter all members serving three years with the rights of the City or County to reappoint members whose terms expire and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a letter for the signature of the Chairman of Commission to the local legislative delegation requesting the action be taken and terms contained be incorporated in the Act and that the City Attorney take any further action relative to the terms of the authority requested by the local legislative delegation. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

LIST FOR DECLARED SURPLUS, EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS FOR SALE

STREET DEPT.: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the list for declared surplus, directing City Manager Murkerson to advertise such list with a reserve clause on the Backhoe and Limb Truck, both are operable equipment. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

- 1 1996 Ford F800 Limb Truck 02325
- 2 1998 Ford F150 Pickup Truck 84941
- 3 1979 Chevrolet Dump Truck 3152
- 4 1991 John Deere Backhoe 310D 778190
- 5 1973 D5D Caterpillar Bulldozer 83J729
- 6 1976 Caterpillar Loader 80U3337
- 7 1978 Chevrolet Water Truck 4781

Murkerson stated another option would be to place surplus on GovDeals.com.

RENEWAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CONNER'S CLEANERS: James Colson motioned to renew the lease agreement with Conner's Cleaners for the use of the lot behind the City Hall for employee parking at \$200.00 per month for one year. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

QUITCLAIM DEED ON ROGER'S ALLEY: James Colson motioned to approve and quitclaim to the Heart of Georgia Peanut & Gin Company for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Hawkinsville and known as Roger's Alley, which runs between First Street and Second Street. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains. Murkerson explained the City no longer had any use for the alley and offered for sale to all adjacent owners.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: Shelly Berryhill motioned to reappoint Clifton Pritchett to serve Post 2 on the Planning & Zoning Board for another two year term to expire 7/12/2014. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY RECREATION BOARD: Ken Hardy motioned to reappoint Fred Clark to serve Post 1 on the Recreation Board for another three year term to expire 7/13/2015. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY RECREATION BOARD: James Colson motioned to reappoint Mike McClain to serve Post 3 on the Recreation Board for another three year term to expire 7/13/2015. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY RECREATION BOARD: Shelly Berryhill motioned to table reappointment of Post 2 Cam Black and Post 4 Keith Long, whose terms will expire 7/13/2012, to try and contact them again to see if they would be willing to serve another term. Ken Hardy seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

Clerk Herrington explained she had contacted all members, whose terms would expire in 2012, requesting they contact City Hall of their decision, but had not heard from either Mr. Black or Mr. Long.

HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: Shelly Berryhill motioned to table appointing a person to fill Post 6 on the HURA Agency, whose term expires 7/12/2012 and Milton Sutherlin resigning due to health problems, to try and contact HURA Chairman Bill Wall for any suggestions. James Colson seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

Clerk Herrington also explained that there were two unfilled Post, but had not heard from HURA Chairman Wall.

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 June 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 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.

The Anderson Acres paving project is under way and the grading and preparation is almost complete. We have asked our contractor to identify any lots that do not have a service tap and give an estimate to install the tap to the lot. Per your direction we will ask the contractor to accomplish these tasks if needed.

I have asked for a proposal from Georgia Power Company to convert our Street lights to a more economical fixture and am waiting on that proposal.

Law Enforcement Report is included in your notebook.

Better Hometown Report

Better Hometown Board of Directors: meets July 17 @ 11:00 am
Promotions Committee:
Meets July 20 @ 12:00 @ Opera House

Planning mtg for 2012 downtown Harvest Fest event

Design Committee/ *Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission Meets Tuesday, July 17 @ 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: met with Ocmulgee River Water Trail Partnership-June 28th- next meeting September 7th.
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Economic Restructuring Committee /

Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority:

DDA meets per called meetings. *met June 28th @ 8:30 am.

JULY

4- Holiday

5- Pulaski Tomorrow-class @ 5:30 –@ H & V

12- BHT monthly report to DCA

13- BHT Sponsors Community Blood Drive @ FUMC 2:00-7:00 pm

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

20- BHT Promotion Committee 12:00 – Opera House

24- HPC meets @ 4:00 – Opera House

26- Region 6 MS/BHT Managers meeting in Milledgeville

29- Opera House*Three Rivers Symphony Winds & Jazz Band @ 3:00

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.

- The UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be hosting a series of meeting to determine the needs of the business community in Pulaski County. **If you would like to participate in these meetings, please contact the Chamber.**
- Work is nearing completion on the new United Pulaski website. A talented group of students has been working with United Pulaski and Georgia Web Services to provide new material to update the site. According to the State, 60% of economic development needs in Georgia now come directly from community sites.
- The Chamber of Commerce and Archway hosted an agritourism workshop in June. Kent Wolfe from UGA's School of Agriculture was the guest speaker. Tourism committee members will travel to Jaemor Farms for a workshop in July.
- 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 is underway. This year's class has 18 participants. Graduation will be Tuesday, October 23.
- 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

- The next meeting of the Archway Education Committee will be Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 5:30 PM in the Board of Education Training Room. We will be looking at recent improvements in standardized test scores and planning for our fall meetings. **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 completed Parent Café training in June. This facilitation training was sponsored by Family Connections and seeks to build and strengthen parent relationships in a supportive setting.

Chamber of Commerce Report

- The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting was held on June 1, 2012 at the Pulaski Annex.
- The Board of Directors selected Dr. Patricia Coussens as Business of the Month for July.
- We welcomed Johnson Hall as a new chamber meeting
- Middle Georgia EMC was honored as Business of the Month for June
- Therisa arranged to have Laura Mathis, Deputy Director of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and Zack Johnson Northwest and Middle Georgia Regional Director for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, ConnectGeorgia Campaign speak about the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax at the June 13th Rotary Meeting.
- Kim worked on RFI and site presentation for potential project in spec building
- Kim attended Magnolia Midland meeting in Douglas on June 21st.
- The Chamber had a tourism workshop with Kent Wolfe with University of Georgia which was well attended
- Therisa made site visits to chamber renewals for June.
- Therisa & Kim met with Ginger Martin on June 12th to discuss United Givers
- The chamber mailed out 4 welcome packages the month of June
- The chamber had over 25 visitors during the month of June requesting tourism information, maps, and information on becoming a chamber member.

Economic Development Report

- 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 on a committee to get Transportation Splost passed
- Worked with 2nd visit on project CalStar
- Working on another project visit with plastic company
- Working on additional funding partners – H&V and Planters Bank

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed out the financial reports for May 2012. He reported the LOST revenues for the past 12 months were 4 1/2% greater than the prior year.

Shelly Berryhill stated the FY 2012/2013 budget had been approved and there are no increases in fees or millage rates.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson commended Chairman Henry Cravey for his hard work during the GMA Convention in Savannah, providing nine door prizes from the City.

Ken Hardy asked for an update on the Inert Landfill. Murkerson stated the Board would meet in August, that EPD received lots of comments and are looking at further revisions. Henry Cravey wished all a safe and happy July 4th holiday.

Shelly Berryhill thanked all those who served on the consolidation study committee for their many hours during the one year study working with the city and county and hoped all would continue to serve on the consolidation charter committee to prepare and give a picture of what the government would look like. He thanked Hugh Coleman for chairing the committee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Gerald Green 77 S Dooley Street asked who should be contacted when a street light is out. Murkerson stated he could report either to the City or Georgia Power. Mr. Green reported the light out between 88 and 90 S Dooley Street. He also asked if an individual had legal rights to trim crepe myrtle trees on the city right-of-way that were obstructing the sidewalk. Murkerson would report it to Public Works Johnny Gordon to trim it. The tree is located on the corner of Merritt and S Dooley Street.

Hugh Coleman, Chairman of the consolidation study committee said they would need a progressive schedule and would start the charter process as soon as possible.

There being no further business.

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

The time was noted at 6:39 p.m.

The meeting was reopened. The time was noted at 6:45 p.m.

Attorney David Walker stated the resolution on the airport authority, preparing a letter to the legislative delegation, he was not sure that's what they wanted.

Shelly Berryhill motioned for Manager Murkerson to contact EPD to find out what needs to be done, if anything, to use land for cemetery and purchase the property adjacent from

the cemetery on Dooley Street from Edgar Jackson for \$4,000.00. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

There being no further business.

ADJOURN: Shelly Berryhill motioned to adjourn. James Colson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia