

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting Monday, July 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman James Colson presiding.

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

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

Chairman James Colson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Henry Cravey motioned to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Called Meeting. Henry Cravey seconded, Wilson Credle abstained, motion passed.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2010 Called Meeting with one correction. Henry Cravey seconded the motion appointing Berryhill to Archway. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

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

1. V AND M AUCTIONS AND PAWN SHOP
(118 Commerce St.- auction sell used items,
Michael T. Sinnott, owner)
2. C & S MORTUARY
(46 Martin Luther King Blvd.- Funeral Home,
Carolyn Jelks Porter, owner)
3. FLAVORS FOOD & SPIRITS, LLC dba TREASURE HUNT
(91 Commerce St.- resale, consignment,
Brenda F. Francis, owner/mgt.)
4. A & D PHARMACY
(342 Industrial Blvd.- Long term Care Pharmacy,
Lynn Turner. Staff accountant)
5. LYNN ALEXANDER ROOFING
(448 Cochran Hwy. – Roofing,
Grady Lynn Alexander, owner)

6. **BIBB EXTERMINATING COMPANY**
(41 Kibbee St.- Pest Control Business,
Robin McCown, co-owner)

Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

2ND READING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PULASKI COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENFORCE CITY ORDINANCES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to adopt the ordinance. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

RESOLUTION SUPPORT OF CITY COMMISSION TO THE COTTON MILL LOFTS DEVELOPMENT AS PROPOSED IN THE 2010 LIHTC APPLICATION: Shelly Berryhill motioned to adopt the Resolution. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

Rex Todd explained there would be 32 units and this was a new application for low income tax credits and the resolution and letter of support was due by July 22, 2010.

PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS: Manager Murkerson provided the minutes from the Planning & Zoning Board meeting with their recommendations.

Henry Cravey motioned to approve the rezoning of Benny Well's property, located at 111 Hwy 341 By Pass from R-2 Residential to B-2 Business. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed. Property at 341 By-Pass and Sun Set Strip.

Henry Cravey motioned to approve the rezoning of Lucille Bennett's property, located at 299 Broad St. from B-1 Business to R-1 Residential. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed. Property at Broad and Wood Street.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES: Manager Murkerson gave a report on the dilapidated houses from Codes Enforcement stating 27 houses demolished 17 by owners and 10 by the City. Those structures at addresses 354 Second Street, 421 Hendley Street, Hendley & Grace and 0 Second Street have been demolished. We still need to demolish the structure at 518 Commerce. My recommendation is to accept the low bid from Level Line at \$5,800 because of the time line associated with the court ruling. I have also included an unclean lot report of locations being addressed by Codes Enforcement. Commission requested this remain as an agenda item, but needed to date the reports.

LEVEL LINE LOW BID OF \$5,800.TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURE AT 518 COMMERCE STREET: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

Murkerson stated he met with the Hartford Water Authority on June 1 and expressed the City of Hawkinsville's willingness to acquire the water system in Hartford. He has not received an official response to date.

Murkerson explained there were two resignations from the HURA Board and he had not received any recommendations for replacement. John McCune and Doug Cannon had resigned.

APPOINT MEMBER TO HURA BOARD: Shelly Berryhill motioned to appoint Milton Sutherlin to serve. Wilson cradle seconded, motion passed.

APPOINT MEMBER TO PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: Shelly Berryhill motioned to appoint Clifton Pritchett to serve A.R. Boney's Post. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

Murkerson reported we are working with Georgia Power to get the street lights in Deer Point Subdivision turned back on.

Murkerson reported on the Home Depot grant for Wheel Chair Ramps in the amount of \$2,500.00. Six ramps have already been built. Shelly Berryhill requested we ask for this money again. Nick Kouloungis said this was done every quarter and would make the request.

POLICE REPORT: The Commissioners requested there be representation from the Sheriff's Office at the meetings. He gave the Police report for June 2010. There was no report available on the Abandoned Vehicles.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORT: Karen Bailey gave a report of a number of projects.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday July 27, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. A representative from the City Commission is requested to serve on the board.

HBHT Board of Directors elected Mrs. Jill Niblett as the new chair person for the 2010-2011 year. She is the owner of Kimberly's Fine Antiques & Gifts.

The Georgia Heritage Grant for the Opera House window repairs project. Karen contacted DNR, HPD grant Coordinator Carole Moore and requested and received an extension for the grant due to the circumstances of the previous single bid not being approved by the city and to get names of other grant recipients with similar scopes of work- repair wooden windows. We have a \$10,500 grant for the windows and Karen has invited Peachtree Construction Services to conduct a site visit for the purpose of a possible bid.

During the recent repair work in the Opera House for termite damage and mold she was advised by contractor Doug Wall that the outside brick was needed brick and mortar repair. She has inquired with DNR, HPD for contractors who do this type work. She has supplied Johnny Gordon, Public Works, with Preservation Brief #2- Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings. It discusses finding appropriate remedies and treatments as advised by the National park Service.

In partnership with UGA Archway Karen and Mary Beth Bass met with UGA grad students and they are working on various project. They will assist with the design of welcome signs as well as give ideas for improvements in the downtown streetscape, Cabero Park and various entranceways and assist merchants with design and window displays.

HBHT Promotions Committee will develop plans for the Fall festival set for Saturday October 30, 2010. The Arts Council making plans for special event for children and families at Opera House. Events for downtown merchants and restaurants, a program known as the 350 Plan for local merchants. Summer Classes July – Sept. offered by UGA Small Business Development in Macon and WRAFB. Historic Preservation Commission received a \$6,000. grant, an update on the Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byways project, the Pulaski Tomorrow Adult Leadership class. Karen is preparing the annual assessment report due to DCA August 2nd. They will determine whether the programs continue to meet all aspects of the 10 standards and determine whether HBHT will continue to be an accredited Georgia and National Main Street program. 2010 is the 11th year of the Hawkinsville Better Hometown program.

Karen announced that Hawkinsville through a national program had been designated as a Preserve America Community and would be receiving a letter from First Lady Michelle Obama.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Manager Murkerson stated that Mitchell Woods was on a much needed and well deserved vacation. He had prepared the financial reports for May 2010 and if they had any questions to please see him when he returned.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson stated the Officers from the Police Dept. joining the Pulaski County Sheriff seem to be very pleased with the move. He requested they continue to cite those with baggy pants.

Henry Cravey asked about the roofing repairs at the Spec Bldg. Murkerson stated we are accepting bids and the work will need to be complete by the end of the year.

Cravey questioned if there were any new bid proposals for the Opera House window project and they needed to address the mold and termite damage to the inside.

Wilson Credle reported that citizens group meeting successful, classes on Life Values.

Shelly Berryhill talked about the grass at the cemetery. He wants a report of cost to keep grass cut, possibly hiring out private service. Needed to look into chemical agents that deter the growth of the grass. He had attended a funeral service on Saturday and was very disturbed by the grass not cut and had received several complaints.

Berryhill asked about the Christmas Lights and wiring at the Cabero Park. Also he reported a water leak at 52 Watson Street and on Watson and Hillbright.

Berryhill stated that a number of appointments to different boards had expired and requested contact with those still on the boards to see if they would be willing to continue to serve.

He questioned the issue with water pressure at the Spec Bldg. Lee Slade said they are researching to see what pressure is needed.

Slade stated the new company may decide to bring in a smaller company that may be housed in the old Pillowtex Bldg. next to McDonalds.

Manager Murkerson stated the Municipal Court will have to be abolished at the next General Assembly session in January 2011.

Commissioners requested monthly reports from other Boards, Authorities, the City Utilities, Sanitation and Public Works Dept. be on all regular meeting agendas.

DOT is planting Wildflowers in the medians around town and will provide all labor cost.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Dorothy Williams thanked the City workers for their help in cleaning up the mess after a neighbors house had been cleaned out. She appreciated the wonderful work they had done.

She stated a street light was needed at the corner of Fale and S. Dooley Street. She questioned the spraying for mosquitoes. Murkerson stated they had been flying in the mornings.

A citizens questioned whether the lights at the old track were good enough to be moved to the Sixth Street Park. Murkerson stated they were old and may not be usable.

Morgan Knowles stated the City was doing a great job tearing down old dilapidated houses, but they needed to make owners of the property continue to keep the lots clean.

There being no further business.

ADJOURN: Henry Cravey motioned to adjourn. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.