

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting, Monday August 2, 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 Phil NeSmith. Wilson Credle was absent.

Shelly Berryhill gave an update on Commissioner Wilson Credle stating he had just spoke with Jane and she said that today looked like a turning point for the better. Wilson, having by-pass surgery has had a very difficult time.
Mr. Berryhill gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of American.

Chairman James Colson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Henry Cravey motioned to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2010 Called Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

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

1. GENESIS FERNANDA JEWELRY
(62 Jordon Dr. – Hand Crafted Jewelry,
Maria Del Campo Garcia, owner,
Home Occupation)

Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

GEORGIA MAIN STREET PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Georgia Main Street Program. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

The memorandum is an agreement entered into and executed by the Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs' Office of Downtown Development and the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia and/or the sponsoring organization of Hawkinsville Better Hometown. DCA will enter into this agreement with the community to provide services in return for active and meaningful participation in the Georgia Main Street Program by the Community.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWKINSVILLE AND THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA:

Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

The agreement states the City of Hawkinsville (Landlord) agrees to provide the Technical College System of Georgia (Tenant), 13,840 square feet of classroom space located at Sam Way Workforce Development Center, 243 Highway 247 North, Hawkinsville, Georgia (Premises). In consideration for providing the space, the Tenant agrees to pay the Landlord the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year. Tenant also agrees to be responsible for all utility expenses for the premises. The Landlord agrees to be responsible for all other expenses, including, but limited to, insuring the premises. The agreement shall be for a term of twelve (12) months beginning the 1st day of July, 2010.

1ST READING ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY, LOCATED AT 313 BROAD STREET, LISA D. SIMMONS, OWNER: An ordinance was presented as a 1st read to annex into the city limits property located at 313 Broad Street, Lisa D. Simmons, owner. The 2nd reading will be present at the September Regular Meeting.

1st READING ORDINANCE TO ZONE PROPERTY BEING ANNEXED INTO THE CITY LOCATED AT 313 BROAD STREET, LISA D. SIMMONS, OWNER, FROM NO ZONE TO B-1 BUSINESS ZONE: An ordinance was presented as a 1st read to zone property located at 313 Broad Street from County Residential to B-1 Business as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. The 2nd reading will be presented at the September Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT FOR THE ENDURING FARMLANDS SCENIC BYWAY: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the Resolution. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

The resolution states the Hawkinsville Better Hometown along with the Joint Stakeholder Scenic Byway Advisory Committee have identified a route. The designation of this route will support the objectives to protect, promote, enhance and interpret the outstanding intrinsic qualities of the cities of Abbeville, Hawkinsville, Pineview, Rochelle; the counties of Pulaski and Wilcox and the central Georgia Region. It is a tool to encourage tourism and responsible development, bringing positive economic benefits and opportunities. The City fully endorses the Designation Application for the proposed Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway and supports the completion of the designation process.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM D.M. VICKERS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010:

Henry Cravey motioned to approve the letter. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. The purpose of the letter is set forth the understanding to provide accounting services to the City for the year ending June 30, 2010, with fees for services not to exceed \$40,000.00, with an anticipated completion by October 31, 2010.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PULASKI COUNTY AND CITY OF HAWKINSVILLE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST): Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the agreement. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

The agreement calls for collection beginning October 1, 2010, estimated collection \$100,000.00 per month for 72 months with 50% of monthly taxes collected to the County and 50% of monthly taxes collected to the City. Pulaski County agrees to administer all funds collected for the jointly owned recreation department.

Questions concerning the dollar amounts. Are they bound to the \$ amount or project? Only the total \$ amount was introduced in the Referendum. If monthly amount of \$100,000.00 is not collected, will the prorated amounts still go toward the projects? This is not reflected in the agreement for the recreation, but feels they should participate at the same level as all others. Colson stated he would like to see a portion of the funds spent on Playground Equipment at the Sixth Street Ball Park for the smaller children, if possible.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Manager Murkerson gave a report on the dilapidated houses from Code Enforcement,(28 houses demolished, 17 by owner and 11 by the City, that 8 more will be cleared this month. He also included an unclean lot report to let you know which locations are being addressed by Codes Enforcement.

Murkerson reported that he and County Commissioner Brooks Bailey had been discussing a collaborative effort for recycling. We propose to locate a vendor for receptacles for the recycled material to locate at the County transfer station. We would utilize this as the research for determining a more intense effort in the future. If you agree, we will pursue this effort and then publicize the location once we find a vendor.

The street lights at Deer Point Subdivision have been reconnected.

He said there was a street light at the corner of Fale and Dooley Street and requested Georgia Power to make sure it was working.

He included a work order synopsis for the month of July from our customer service system. These are work orders that come through the Customer Service office and do not include any projects that are related by word of mouth directly to the Department Heads. We will in the future ask each Department Head to list those projects and we will then enter them into our work order system so we can document the projects. If you would like more detailed information or more history let me know.

The Central Georgia Regional Council of the Boy Scouts of America is having a breakfast at the Horseshoe on Thursday August 5th at 7:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Judge Hugh Lawson. You are all invited to attend.

He reported retardant chemicals had been applied to the grass at the cemeteries.

He had just received the last proposals on the Spec building roof and in the process of compiling the data for your consideration. I will get this to you next week.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS: Sheriff Billy Cape reported that everything was going smooth so far, the officers are working well together. They have issued over 200 tickets for July. As promised there are 2 officers on duty during the day time hours. Investigator Robert McGriff has been working very hard on a number of cases. The Commissioners thanked Cape and McGriff for a good job.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORT:

Karen Bailey gave a report on the many projects going on with Better Hometown. The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, August 24th at 11:00 a.m. The Directors elected Mrs. Vivian Penn as the new vice chair to serve the board for the 2010-2011 year. Penn is the events coordinator for The Columns. She will start her duties in August. Hawkinsville has been designated as a new Preserve America Community. BHT will plan a celebration for this prestigious designation made by First Lady Michelle Obama. Bailey reported on the Georgia Heritage Grant for the Opera House window repair project. First response Services met Monday August 2nd to look at the Opera House and advise the city of possible mold remediation if needed. HBHT Promotions Committee will meet August 3rd to develop plans for the fall festival set for Saturday October 30, 2010. Bailey has notified local business owners of the summer classes for July – September offered by the UGA Small Business Development in Macon and at WRAFB.

Johnny Gordon, Public Works Director was present for any questions or concerns Commissioners may have about streets, garbage or trash. Berryhill suggested they continue to look for privatization on the cemeteries. He asked Gordon how long it took to cut all the cemeteries. Gordon said 3 to 4 continuous days with 8 to 10 detail workers.

ARCHWAY REPORTS: Mary Beth Bass reported they had a number of projects in the works with 8 completed. The landscape project at the Industrial Park and entrances into the city and other area. Students from law school would present their findings on the city river walk on August 12th The joint comprehensive plan will need to be updated. Fall semester classes through the Carl Vinson Institute and Fanning Institute. Classes of students are already working on the recycling project. The Personnel Policy through Archway was mentioned.

Manager Murkerson talked about adopting an Airport Authority, could be joint city/county authority.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Mitchell Woods handed out the cash and other finance reports for June 2010. He stated \$43,400 LOST was collected in July, \$3,000 more than budgeted. He reminded Commissioners that until the Insurance Premium check comes in October there will not be a lot of cash on hand and needed to watch expenses.

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, COMMISSIONS:

Clerk Herrington has sent letters to all boards, authorities or commissions for help in determining their members and the terms of each and have asked for recommendations for re-appointments or new appointments. She will give a report at the next meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson requested bleachers put at the Sixth Street Ball Park.
Henry Cravey asked for a Spec Bldg update. Ocmulgee Site will be making proposal. Lee Slade said they were working on proposals with company, have talked to both local banks, the development authority and there are things to be done, but feels can make everything work. Slade said Dr. Lee had returned from LA and Korea.
Shelly Berryhill asked if there were any updates on the old hospital. Slade reported he had a contact, but had not been able to receive a call back from the cell number.
The next step on the Hartford Water System will be an engineering study.

Phil NeSmith talked about the Home Depot Grant for wheel chair ramps, which he knew of two people that had really benefited from them and hoped this program would continue. He commended the Deacons & Stewards Association of Pulaski County and contractor Darrell Brown for their volunteer work on this project.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: There were none.

There being no further business.

ADJOURN: Henry Cravey motioned to adjourn. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

City Clerk