

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a meeting Monday, August 6, 2012 to set the millage rate for 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.

RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2012: Phil NeSmith motioned to adopt the Resolution, having published the necessary advertisements and having held the necessary public hearings in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of the Georgia Department of Revenue, established the millage rate as 5.6000 mills. The resolution adopted pursuant to Section 48-5-32 and 48-5-32.1 of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

The Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting Monday August 6, 2012 immediately following.

The meeting was called to order by Cravey. James Colson gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2012 Called Meeting. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith.

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

1. ATLANTIC LUNG CENTER, INC.
(222 Perry Hwy BWB Hawkinsville- Medical practice)
2. DAWSON BROTHERS FARM ACCOUNTING OFFICE
(2 Mashburn St., Suite 104 – Bookkeeping)

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

2ND READING AMENDING ORDINANCE ON SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT, ITEMS 1 AND 2 AN EXPANSION TO EXISTING SECTIONS, ITEM 3 AN ADDITION TO SECTION 3-186 AND ITEMS 4 AND 5 NEW SECTIONS: James Colson motioned to adopt the amended ordinance. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FROM D.M. VICKERS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM GIDDENS, BENNETT & COMPANY, P.C. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012:
CITY OF HAWKINSVILLE, NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000.00
HAWKINSVILLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100.00

HAWKINSVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100.00

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

(HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN FROM BILL WALL: Manager Murkerson presented Commissioners with a letter of resignation as Chairman of (HURA) from Bill Wall.

APPOINT CHAIRMAN TO (HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:
APPOINT TO FILL POST 6 (HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:
APPOINT TO FILL POST 1 (HURA) HAWKINSVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

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

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TO CONSIDER

INSTALLING ANOTHER WATER MAIN: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the recommendation. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Chairman Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

Manager Murkerson explained in his updates the Industrial park infrastructure project is now 95% percent complete. Per advice from our engineer we are considering installing another main down 341 to the west entrance of the park to tie in with the system recently installed in the park. The engineer recommends this method of addressing water flow and pressure rather than the pumping station. The engineer is in the process of estimating to cost of this proposal and comparing the cost to the grant dollars available. We will also need to get approval from DCA for the amendment to the design. This method will give us a backup water supply in case of any issues with the original water main that serves the industrial park and serves the Southern Hills subdivision. This was discussed in City Manager's updates.

LETTER OF REQUEST FROM BETTER HOMETOWN PROMOTIONS, BOB JOHNSON, TO BLOCK COMMERCE STREET, PARTS OF LUMPKIN AND S. JACKSON STREET OCTOBER 26-27, 2012 FOR THE OCTOBERFEST:

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

Karen Bailey explained that Commerce Street would be blocked off only on October 27th. Additional law enforcement would be needed to patrol the area and Manager Murkerson would contact DOT.

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.

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The Anderson Acres paving project is under way and the grading and preparation is complete. Paving should start this week.

The Consolidation Charter Commission will meet August 9, 6:00 PM at the Courthouse Annex auditorium.

Law Enforcement Report was included in Commissioner's notebook.

Better Hometown Report

Better Hometown Board of Directors: meets August 21 @ 11:00 am

Promotions Committee:

Meets Aug 17 @ 12:00 @ Opera House

Planning meeting / 2012 downtown Harvest Fest event

Design Committee/ *Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission Meets Tuesday, Aug 28 @ 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.
- UGA & Archway providing technical assistance for project.

Organization Committee:

- BHT River Parks Advisory Council: Ocmulgee River Water Trail Partnership- next meeting September 7th @ Pulaski Co. Annex.

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Economic Restructuring Committee /

Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority:

DDA meets Tuesday, Aug. 7 @ 10:00 am – Farmers Market project.

August:

2- DDA meeting 8:30 am

2- Promotion Committee 12:00 noon

3- SBDC meeting @ MGTC @ 1:00 with Karen

7- DDA meeting @ 10:00 am

8- Karen / MGTC Board meeting /WR campus 12:00 noon

10- BHT monthly report to DCA

15- Historic Tour Guide project – extension requested.

17- Promotion Committee meets @ 12:00 noon

18- Georgia BBQ Assoc. Judges Class- Pulaski Co. Annex

21- BHT Board meets @ 11:00 am

21- Pulaski Tomorrow @ 5:30 pm

22- Karen/ Georgia Downtown Assoc. Conference in LaGrange,GA

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23- HPC Training in LaGrange , GA

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Archway Report

Community Health

- Archway is part of a team working with Taylor Regional Hospital and Georgia Southern University's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health to complete a mandatory assessment of community health engagement for the IRS. The needs assessment and focus groups recently conducted by UGA's College of Public Health will

be utilized, and the Community Health Issue Work Group will work with Georgia Southern to survey the community and construct a community health engagement plan with the hospital. The work with Georgia Southern is scheduled to last until June, 2013.

- Archway's Teen Pregnancy Reduction Committee will host a Teen Maze Workshop on Tuesday, August 28 at the Pulaski County Board of Education. The workshop will help other communities in our Family Connection region plan their own Maze. Vonnie Berryhill, the Chair of this committee, will lead the workshop.

Economic Development

- The new United Pulaski website is under construction. Georgia Web Services and UGA students have been hard at work researching economic development websites and creating a new look for UP. According to the state, over 60% of new leads come directly from the community's own economic development site. Look for the new site this fall!
- The UGA Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted focus groups in Pulaski County on Friday, August 3rd on behalf of the Chamber. The Chamber is trying to better serve the needs of the business community. These listening sessions will help develop future programs, events and products for Pulaski County businesses.
- UGA students from a number of disciplines will be in the community this fall to focus on developing the area's Agritourism potential. They will work with the Chamber and area businesses to create concepts for tourism, lay out the physical space, comply with safety regulations, create a business plan and a marketing concept.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA College of Environment and Design students have presented their initial work on the design of the Uchee Shoals trail and other summer projects. Their design work will be incorporated into a new interpretive sign located at the City Boat Landing.

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.
- Congratulations to Pulaski Tomorrow members Tyler Jenkins, Nevin Shennett and Jeff Tarver. They have mentored over 60

young men this summer in the 1st Hawkinsville Hoops League. This program combines basketball, food and fellowship with meaningful classroom activity. Come support the Hoops League on Friday, August 10th as they play their Championship game at Middle Georgia Tech's new gym in Warner Robins.

Public Education

- The Archway Education Committee will be working with UGA faculty members Dr. JoBeth Allen and Roberta Gardner this fall on community/parent engagement in the schools. This was identified as a top priority by the group.

Chamber of Commerce Report

- The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting was held on July 13, 2012 at the Pulaski Annex.
- The Board of Directors selected Johnson Electric as Business of the Month for August. Chamber members and directors congratulated Joey and made photos for the newspaper on July 31st.
- We welcomed Jarrell Electric as a new chamber member.
- Kim worked on RFI and site presentation for potential project in spec building for third round.
- Therisa and Kim are working on a new 2012-2013 Membership Directory which will be available the week of August 13th.
- The chamber mailed out 2 welcome packages the month of July.
- The chamber continues to promote the Harvest Fest which will be October 26-27th.
- The chamber had approximately 20 visitors and numerous phone calls during the month of June requesting tourism information, maps, and information on becoming a chamber member.
- Working on Chamber Focus Group which will be facilitated by SBDC to help gain insight into what type programs and activities the chamber members would like to see from the chamber.
- Working on Annual Golf Tournament which will be held at Southern Hills on September 20th.

Economic Development Report

- Working with another local company on an expansion including a loading dock.
- Continue to work on project for a Distribution Center at spec bldg.
- 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

- Continue to work on 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.
- Plastic Company project is still active
- Working on additional funding partners – H&V and Planters Bank
- Still in the running for project CalStar and waiting on response for third visit. This visit should be sometime during the month of August.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS:

Manager Murkerson thanked Jason Freemont and Robert McGriff of the Sheriff's Dept. for attending. There was discussion from Commissioners and Officers concerning the Baggy Pants issues. Freemont stated there needed to be more clarification in the ordinance explaining just what under garments meant. They have had several meetings concerning this problem, but were not clear of the definition and how this could cause some real problems especially when there are ball games and most of the players wear gym shorts under their regular pants. All agreed it was a problem, but also agreed it was disgraceful to others to see such.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed out the financial reports for June 2012. He stated the LOST collections were up 1.65%. He also explained that gas sales were down for the year due to the mild winter. We are spending more than last year and it could be tough until we receive the Insurance Premium check in October.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson had none.

Ken Hardy asked about the students that gathered at the river. Michelle Elliott said the students presented their initial work on the design of the Uchee Shoals trail and will be incorporated into the new sign located at the City Boat Landing. This was also in Archway report.

Henry Cravey read a thank you note from a couple from Duluth, Georgia, one of the prize winners at the GMA Convention in Savannah, Georgia, given by the City of Hawkinsville.

Shelly Berryhill had none.

Phil NeSmith had none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Gerald Green 77 S. Dooley Street questioned the mosquito spraying, that he had not seen them spraying in his neighborhood and if they weren't going to spray the City needed to stop charging the customer for it. Murkerson stated they sprayed last Thursday and they spray wet areas regularly.

There being no further business.

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

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

City Clerk

