

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting Monday, November 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman James Colson presiding.

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

Rev. Gary Lucas gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman James Colson called the meeting to order.

All were glad to see Mr. Credle at the meeting.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 Regular Meeting. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

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APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LICENSE: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the application for a business license in the name of;

1. NCR CORPORATION
(101 McCormick Ave.- DVD rentals via unmanned kiosk in grocery/convenience store, Amanda Winn, agent)

Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

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

2. GAME TIME BARBER SHOP
(74 Commerce St- Barber Shop, Warren Singletary, owner)

Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

1st READING ORDINANCE OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATERING:

This was passed by the General Assembly. 2nd reading and approval will be on agenda for the December 6, 2010 Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTION AND TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'

RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the Resolution with Chairman James Colson signing the Transmittal Letter to make an application for funding to the Dept. of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant Program. By recognizing the importance and value of the parks and recreation with the development of the Riverfront Park Project the development of the Riverfront Trail will serve as an anchor for the master plan. This will be our opportunity to expand the recreational trails and enhance it for people to enjoy the beautiful greenspace. The grant funding shall not exceed 80 percent of the project (not to exceed \$100,000.. Also there is a 20 percent match whether cash or in-kind contributions. Shelly Berryhill seconded motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH HANCOCK & SONS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE JORDAN DRIVE SEWER RENOVATION:

Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the contract. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed. Manager Murkerson stated the contract would be corrected, same contractor; name would be Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction. Manager Murkerson reported a letter was sent to the EDP Director, but had no reply on the consent order.

DRINKING WATER TESTING AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the contract with the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources Environmental Protecting Division (EPD) to test the water systems to satisfy the Federal EPD testing requirements to improve the quality of drinking water and protect public health. The desired testing will be chemicals only at an annual cost of \$6,880.00 for a three year period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATION FOR REZONING PROPERTY ON INDUSTRIAL BLVD., OWNED BY BMHW, LLC, FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL TO B-2 BUSINESS:

Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. Manager Murkerson said the property was located between Fetchman Road and East Road and was being rezoned to better market the property. Planning & Zoning met on October 21, 2010 and recommended the rezoning.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DUNAWAY BROTHERS FOR RIVER PARK:

Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the easement agreement. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. Murkerson explained this was north of the boat landing and was approximately three acres.

CONSIDER BIDS ON HOUSES FOR DEMOLITION: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the low bids. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. Murkerson stated this was the last group that had gone through the court system, but there is no funding in the budget, could go ahead when funds are available.

ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL NON-PUBLIC AND ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION:

Phil NeSmith motioned to reappoint the current members Henry E. Cravey (voting City), Lee Slade (voting- Non-Public), James Colson and M.A. Hall, III (Butch) as (Associate Members). Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Manager Murkerson gave a report from Codes Enforcement on the dilapidated houses, also a report on the unclean lots being addressed.

He included a work order synopsis for the month of October from customer services.

These are completed work orders only.

Murkerson stated we were notified last Thursday that the GEFA loan for the wastewater improvements on Jordan Drive had been approved. We are in the process of obtaining an easement from the property owner.

He said we really need to have some of the Opera House windows repaired. We have a local contractor looking at them and we expect to receive a proposal this week. Four different historical contractors' have been to the Opera House and looked at the project. We have not received a proposal from any of them. One from Savannah has responded that the job is too small for his company to come all the way to Hawkinsville. This will be funded by the Georgia Heritage Grant with 40% match by the City. We have budgeted in the new SPLOST \$300,000. for maintenance and repairs of the Opera House

We have installed a "Welcome to Hawkinsville" sign on Highway 341 just north of the old armory. The sign was sponsored and designed by the Hawkinsville Garden Club. The City appreciates the participation of the Garden Club and specifically the assistance of Ms. Kathleen Wall. Our plan is to solicit sponsorships from local entities for additional signs for \$1,000. The sign has a space for the sponsoring entity's logo. We will utilize the Gateway grant to purchase shrubs for the sign area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS: Murkerson handed out a report for October, 2010. Commissioners stated they continue to hear good things from the Sheriffs Dept.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORTS: Murkerson handed out a report from Karen Bailey, Better Hometown Director.

ARCHWAY REPORTS: The report was included in the Commissioners note book.

RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT: Shelly Berryhill motioned to direct Manager Murkerson to draft a resolution and agreement after discussing the Community of Opportunity agreement sponsored by the Dept. of Community Affairs.. Wilson Credle seconded, motion passed.

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, COMMISSIONS: Murkerson stated he had received a letter from Tim Wynne wishing to resign his post from the Hawkinsville Housing Authority Board.

Phil NeSmith accepted his resignation and motioned to appoint Gary Lucas to fill Post 4. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed out the financial reports for September 2010. He stated the City had lost 15 gas customers. The LOST collections were \$3,000. less than budgeted. The City had received its annual insurance premium tax check and it was \$3,300. less than budgeted.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Phil NeSmith motioned for the Christmas Holidays for Friday December 24th and Monday December 27th. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson stated he was glad to have Mr. Credle back with us.

Wilson Credle thanked everyone for their support, cards and visits during his illness.

Shelly Berryhill had none.

Phil NeSmith had none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: There were none.

There being no further business.

ADJOURN: Phil NeSmith motioned to adjourn. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.