

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

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

City Manager Jerry Murkerson gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman James Colson called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2010 Regular Meeting. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

MINUTES” Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2010 Called Meeting. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed.

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

- a. DANA’S DESIGNS AND ACCESSORIES
(24 Hwy 341 ByPass-Florist, Gwyn Myers, owner)
- b. FURNITURE STORE
(111 Hwy 341 ByPass- Retail Furniture, Kathy Wells, owner)
- c. HUNLEN’S SERVICES
(27 Blueberry Lane, Lawn, Pressure Washing & Catering Service, James Hunlen, owner)
- d. THE ENT CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA, PC
(222 Hwy 341 ByPass, ENT Practice, Melinda Bivins, Asst.. Adm)
- e. LINDSEY LANDSCAPING
(274 Klondike Rd. General Landscaping & Demolition, Karen Lindsey, owner)

Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

Manager Murkerson presented a request from Southeastern X Ray, Inc., owner of the property located on Broad and Anderson Road. A recycling firm has located in the rear of the building and to minimize any issues from neighbors living in the residential areas surrounding the building, the guidelines require a buffer, fence or hedges. The request is for a temporary variance and time to resolve the matter and be in compliance with the standards. Henry Cravey motioned to grant a temporary variance and once the Recycling Firm has applied for a business license would also grant a license with stipulations the buffers be in place within 6 months. At that time will revisit the issue. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

ORDINANCE OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATERING: Henry Cravey motioned to approve the ordinance that amends the original ordinance by adding a new Article IV to Chapter 18, Outdoor Landscape Watering. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed. This will be published to notify and make the general public aware.

RESOLUTION CITY'S DESIRE TO DISSOLVE ITS MUNICIPAL COURT: Phil Smith motioned to adopt the Resolution. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed. Manager Murkerson read the Resolution in its entirety.

Whereas the Commission of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia, hereinafter called the Commission has contracted with the Sheriff of Pulaski County for the provision of law enforcement in the City of Hawkinsville; and Whereas, the Commission desires to dissolve its Municipal Court and allow all matters within the jurisdiction of Hawkinsville Municipal Court to be heard in the Probate Court of Pulaski County; and Bet it resolved that the Commission request the General Assembly for the State of Georgia to enact local legislation for the following purposes:

To dissolve the Hawkinsville Municipal Court. To grant the Probate Court of Pulaski County jurisdiction over municipal code violations and other matters currently in the jurisdiction of the Hawkinsville Municipal Court; and To allow the Probate Judge of Pulaski County to hear violations of the Municipal Code for the City of Hawkinsville and to hear other matters currently within the jurisdiction of the Hawkinsville Municipal Court.

RESOLUTION REVISE ARCHWAY: Phil NeSmith motioned to adopt the Resolution that states the City of Hawkinsville enters into an agreement with the University of Georgia to participate in its Archway Partnership Project and pay the University of Georgia \$50,000.00 for its efforts on behalf of the City of Hawkinsville and to otherwise support the University in its endeavor to deliver a full range of university resources to cities and counties facing significant issues, especially those related to growth. Shelly Berryhill seconded motion passed.

TRANSIENT VENDOR ORDINANCE: Commissioner directed Manager Murkerson to check with other cities pertaining to the requirements they may have in place for transient vendors and put on next months agenda. Shelly Berrhill motioned to table any further discussion until next meeting. Wilson Credle seconded, motion to table passed.

REAPPOINT JAMES JOYNER TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE 9/13/2010: Shelly Berryhill motioned to reappoint James Joyner. Wilson Credle seconded. Motion passed. Manager Murkerson stated this was recommended, that at a previous meeting the entire Authority had been reappointed, but Joyner's name was left out of the minutes.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE: Manager Murkerson gave a report from Codes Enforcement on the dilapidated houses. He also included an unclean lot report. He included a work order synopsis for the month of October from our customer service system. These are completed work orders only.

He included an arrears report listing customers who are behind on their bills.

Through an Archway request, a group of students presented a recycling program to an interested group of citizens on Friday December 3, 2010. County Commissioner Brooks Bailey and I, with your approval will work toward implementing a recycling program for the City of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County in a collaborative effort. Phil NeSmith motioned his approval. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

We have asked our Regional Commission representatives to research funding for a Skate Park for our community. I have included some suggestions for funding for a Skate Park. We are also negotiating with the Pulaski County School System to supply the property for the park. Berryhill stated the City could be approved for a \$25,000.00 grant, that they would need to look at the feasibility and he would pursue the land donation, there were also liability issues to look at. Henry Cravey motioned approval to do a feasibility study for the park. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

APPROVE LOW BID FOR UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT HAWKINSVILLE

INDUSTRIAL / TECHNOLOGY PARK: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the low bid submitted by LeClay Construction Company for \$215,623.26 for utility improvements at the industrial park. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS: Murkerson stated that the commissioners had the law enforcement reports for November 2010. The commissioners stated they would like to see the speed detection device to be in use. Murkerson said we would put the device back in service.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORTS: Murkerson stated that the commissioners had the better hometown report in their notebook. Murkerson said that the Christmas parade held Saturday night was one of the best that we ever had.

ARCHWAY REPORTS: The report was included in the Commissioners note book. Murkerson said that Matt Bishop would be serving as the Archway interim professional.

NEW YEARS DAY'S HOLIDAY: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the New Years Day holiday for Friday, December 31th. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods stated that the commissioners had the financial reports in their notebook for October 2010. He stated the City had lost 15 gas customers in the last year and that LOST collections were \$8,300 less than budgeted.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Henry Cravey had none.

Shelly Berryhill inquired about pothole in the road going to the school bus shop. Berryhill stated that Dorothy Williams was appointed chairman of our GICH Community for the upcoming year.

Phil NeSmith discussed the beaver dam on Mile Creek off McCormick Avenue. Also, NeSmith asked about city employees selling annual leave.

Wilson Credle had none.

James Colson had none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Mr. Sam Way presented a petition from the residents of Pine Level subdivision requesting that the streets be resurfaced and improved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL & LITIGATION: Phil NeSmith motioned to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel & Litigation. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed.

The time was noted at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was reopened. The time was noted at 7:45 p.m.

There being no further business.

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