

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Called Meeting, Friday March 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall with Chairman Henry Cravey presiding.

COMMISSION PRESENT: Chairman Henry Cravey, Vice-Chair James Colson, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. Shelly Berryhill was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Jerry Murkerson, Finance Director Mitchell Woods, Clerk Evelyn Herrington, Public Works Director Johnny Gordon, Pulaski County Sheriff Billy Cape and Deputy Robert McGriff.

DISCUSS LIGHTING AT COLSON PARK: James Colson stated he had talked to Roy Whitehead and Manager Murkerson had contacted Mitch Whitehead, but failed to get his message concerning the meeting and would not be able to attend. The lighting at the park is part of a long range plan, but would have to wait for funding, It was suggested the fund come from the SPLOST designated for Recreation. All funding for Recreation is handled by the county. Commissioners directed Manager Murkerson to contact Georgia Power to see if they may be able to contribute. No further action was taken.

DISCUSS MIDNIGHT CURFEW ORDINANCE: Pulaski County Sheriff Billy Cape explained that a case had been made against the owners of a business downtown for being opened after the midnight curfew. They appeared before Judge Dennis Mullis in the Municipal Court and pled not guilty, then requested a Public Defender. The case was postponed. Judge Mullis contacted Manager Murkerson and City Attorney David Walker stating the city's ordinance on midnight curfew was very vague in its meaning. Cape said there were gray areas of the ordinance that needed to be addressed. An amended ordinance was presented, but Commission directed Sheriff Cape look it over for any further clarification. This also addresses the Motor Cycle Club and their annual event. There had already been some discussion of creating a Special Event ordinance, but also needed to clarify specifics. No further action was taken.

There being no further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Phil NeSmith motioned to go into an executive session to discuss Personnel and future acquisition of Real Estate. James Colson seconded. Motion passed by yes vote from Henry Cravey, James Colson, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. There was no opposition.

The time was noted at 9:35 a.m.

The meeting was reopened. No further action was taken.

The time was noted at 10:12 a.m.

ADJOURN: Phil NeSmith motioned to adjourn. James Colson seconded, motion passed.

