

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met a Regular Meeting, Monday April 2, 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.

Shelly Berryhill gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Cravey called the meeting to order.

A video presentation was shown for a possible spot on national TV in the near future. Narrated by Terry Bradshaw called Today in America, features Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.

MINUTES: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Regular Meeting. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

MINUTES: James Colson motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Called Meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

MINUTES: Ken Hardy motioned to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2012 Called Meeting. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

2ND READING AMENDMENT TO OCCUPATION/BUSINESS LICENSE

ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE REVOCATION PROCESS: Shelly Berryhill motioned to table until next meeting. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion to table passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No opposition or abstains.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the business license applications in the names of;

1. DAVIS LAWN & AUTO CARE
(39 Progress Ave.- mowers, lawn equipment & auto repairs- Nathaniel Davis, owner)
2. HAWK PRO STUDIOS
(8 A Progress Ave. – photography & videography studio, Shane Leverett, co-owner/operator)

3. B & H CORNER STORE
(33 Progress Ave. – store sales, soda's, cookies, etc.- James Pitts, owner)
4. MARY'S POOL HALL
(97 Commerce St. – name change to add Willie D. Tenon as owner/manager) coin operated pool hall

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

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A BEER LICENSE:

Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the application for a beer license for

MARY'S POOL HALL
(97 Commerce St.- Willie David Tenon, Manager)

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

REAPPOINT ALVIN "CANDY" POWELL TO THE HAWKINSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY, POST 2 FOR ANOTHER 5 YEAR TERM: Shelly Berryhill motioned to reappoint Alvin "Candy" Powell to another 5 year term to serve Post 2 on the Hawkinsville Housing Authority. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM OCMULGEE SITE & ENGINEERING FOR THE PROPOSED HARTFORD WATER AUTHORITY WATER SYSTEM TIE FOR \$20,500.00: Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the proposal for engineering services. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

Manager Murkerson stated this amount would cover the total engineering job.

1ST READING AMEND ORDINANCE BY DELETING SECTION 11-16 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11-16 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED AFTER MIDNIGHT: Manager Murkerson read the ordinance. The 2nd reading for approval will be presented at the May 2012 Regular Meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES:

I have included a summary report and a detailed report about dilapidated housing and unclean lots from Codes Enforcement. One of the structures that have been approved has

been completed and we are waiting on the contractor to complete the other one. We have put three more properties into the process for completion. We will continue as long as budget funds are available.

I have included a work order synopsis for the month of March 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.

The Consolidation Study Committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 PM at the annex auditorium. I have included the minutes from the last meeting in your notebook.

The Industrial Park infrastructure project is now about 70% percent complete.

The contractor for the river walk has completed a portion of the concrete sidewalk that joins the river walk to Veteran's Memorial Park and is about to start construction of the boardwalk at Uchee Shoals River Park.

We have submitted a grant for playground equipment at Colson Park. We have contacted Georgia Power Company and their Sports Lighting department will visit in the next few days to give us a design concept plan and pricing for lighting the ball field.

We have submitted the CDBG application for infrastructure improvements on Highland Ave. and Knotty Pine which will include sidewalks and storm drainage systems, and water distribution system improvements for this portion of our community.

We will be working with the Chamber of Commerce the next few weeks preparing the Harness Training Facility for the upcoming Harness Festival on April 20 and 21.

I have included a Spring Training Conference schedule for April 18. Please let me know if you would like to attend this training session so I can get you registered. There is also a notice of region meetings regarding the upcoming TSPLOST referendum tomorrow at Regional Commission.

I have also included a thank you note from Warden Belinda Davis for your personal donation.

I have asked City Attorney David Walker to initiate the process of creating a Joint Airport Authority.

The Law Enforcement Report (including the Municipal Court fines report) for March was included in Commissioners' notebooks.

BETTER HOMETOWN REPORT

Better Hometown Board of Directors: meets April 17 @ 11:00 am

Promotions Committee:

New Officers elected: Bob Johnson- Chair; Eric Richardson-Vice Chair;
Robin White- Secretary. BHT Sponsors 2012 Hawkinsville Harvest Fest October 26 & 27, 2012

Design Committee/ *Hawkinsville Historic Preservation Commission HHPC will meet in the Opera House on Tuesday, April 24 @ 4:00 pm.

Historic Preservation projects:

- Historic Tour Guide – project partnering with Hawkinsville Garden Club. (\$7,302.00 HPD grant)
- Old Fire House Restoration Committee – ongoing planning.

Organization Committee:

- Signage Committee – seeking funding sources to fund way finding signage for downtown & Sponsors for Welcome to Hawkinsville signs.
- BHT River Parks Advisory Council:
Ocmulgee Blueway Partnership meets April 5th @ 11:00 a.m.

Economic Restructuring Committee /

Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority:

DDA meets Thursday, April 5th @ 9:30 a.m.

April Meetings / Events:

- 2- BHT Promotions Committee @ 1:00
- 3- SBDA/Archway “Maximum Contact” @ 1:00
- 4- Hawkinsville Rotary program @ 12:00
- 5- Hawkinsville DDA / E R Committee @ 9:30 am
- 5- Ocmulgee Blueway Partnership @ 11:00 -2:30
- 10- Georgia Academy / Economic Development-in Macon: 8-4
- 12- Monthly BHT report to DCA
- 17-BHT Board of Directors meeting @ 11:00 am
- 24-HPC / Design Committee @ 4:00
- 26-DCA Regions 6 & 4-@ Griffin. Quarterly MS/BHT Managers meeting
- 27- BHT Promotions Committee @ 12:00
- 30 -Historic Tour Guide/Grant project meeting – time TBA.

ARCHWAY REPORT

Community Health

- Congratulations to everyone involved in Hawkinsville’s first Teen Maze! Vonnie Berryhill, who serves as the chair of the Teenage Pregnancy Reduction Committee, worked with hundreds of volunteers to educate nearly 700 students about making good

personal decisions on March 22nd. This was the first event in the 3 year plan to reduce teen pregnancy in Pulaski County.

- UGA Public Health Archway Professional, Laura Gillman, has concluded her interviews on health in Pulaski County. Laura and her team will present the results of the needs assessment, focus groups and one-on-one interviews on Wednesday, May 16 to the Archway Executive Committee and Community Health Chair Skip McDannald. A local Community health group will meet afterwards to discuss the presentation.

Economic Development

- Terry College of Business students a refinishing up work on a Pulaski County Economic Development Plan that will focus on ways to capitalize on unique assets of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County.
- University of Georgia MPA students are finalizing a survey of Chamber of Commerce Web Sites. The study is part of the “Communities of Opportunity” web enhancement initiative. The goal of the project is to improve the efficiency of the Chamber site and maximize value to Chamber members.
- UGA Journalism students are writing new content for the newly designed United Pulaski website based on the recommendations of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The site is changing to meet the needs of economic development consultants. These consultants now account for over 60% of site selection in Georgia. New print materials will be part of a coordinated economic development strategy in this plan.
- Archway Professional Sharon Liggett (Cairo) was in town Thursday, March 29, 2012 to kick off an Agri-tourism meeting with interested parties. Ms. Liggett has an extensive tourism background, and will be working with state Tourism rep Lori Hennesy, UGA Director of Agribusiness and Economic Development Kent Wolfe, and interested community members to compose local agri-tourism itineraries.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA Grad Student Mario Cambardella presented preliminary site plans to the Rec Department Committee on February 21 for the newly acquired property adjacent to the rec department.

Housing

- Since the community has graduated from the GICH program, Archway will continue to support community housing initiatives through HURA. The last meeting was held on December 6, 2011 and it was reported that 5 locations are currently in the process of being cleared with the appropriated funds.

Leadership Development

- Recruitment is now underway for the 2012 Pulaski Tomorrow Class. The Planning and Steering committee meets again Thursday, April 26th at 8:30 in the Annex. Applications for the 2012 class will be accepted through May 11th and are available from the Archway Office, the Chamber of Commerce, Kimberly's, or any Pulaski Tomorrow Member.
- 2011 Pulaski Tomorrow members will be selling raffle tickets in April to raise money for a community gateway sign. The tickets are \$5 and the winner will receive a charcoal grill and stand from Ace hardware.

Public Education

- Archway has announced two new partners from the College of Education to work with the Education committee in the areas of Parental Involvement and Student Technology.
- The Archway Education Committee toured Pulaski County Schools on March 6th. Thanks to the schools for hosting the tours.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

- The Chamber Board of Directors Meeting was held on March 2, 2012 at the Pulaski Annex.
- The Board of Directors selected The Steak House as Business of the Month for March.
- The Chamber co-sponsored with Archway a Maximum Contact Series by SBDC. This is a five week series from Tuesday, March 6th through Tuesday, April 3rd. Kim will be attending each of these sessions.

- Therisa and Kim attended a Teen Maze organizational meeting on March 5th to help organize the March 21st and 22nd event.
- Therisa and Kim attended the preview for Teen Maze on March 21st and then helped organize the event for the 700 plus students on March 22nd. This was a very successful event that helped the students from Hawkinsville High, Westfield and Fullington understand the importance of making good choices in their everyday life in regard to texting while driving, drugs, alcohol and teen pregnancy.
- Therisa and the Youth Leadership Pulaski County class attended a learning session provided by Michael Fulgum with the Go Fish Educational Center in Perry on March 14th.
- Therisa and Kim worked Friday, March 9th and Saturday, March 10th on Peaches to the Beaches. This is a very successful event that brings thousands of people through Hawkinsville. There will be a report later this year on the economic impact this event has on our community.
- The Harness Festival Committee met on Thursday, March 15th to prepare for the upcoming festival which will be on April 20th and 21st.
- Therisa volunteered with the Fullington Booster Club on one of their annual fund raisers on Friday evening, March 16th and Saturday, March 17th.
- The 2012 Youth Leadership Class took a tour of Hollingsworth and Vose on Wednesday, March 28th. Drew Cravey with H&V was the tour guide for this event.
- Therisa and Kim participated in a 2012 Bobberthon meeting on Friday, March 23rd.
- The Chamber of Commerce and Archway co-sponsored an Agritourism meeting on Thursday, March 29th to develop agritourism efforts in Pulaski County. Special guest was Sharon Liggett with UGA Archway Partnership.
- Therisa made site visits to the Chamber renewals for March and delivered decals for 2012.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- Continue to work on two projects for spec bldg which are the Bio Mass Project for Industrial Park and the Distribution Center.

- 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 project
- Working on future events for Rivers Alive
- Working on air show with RAFB thru 21st Century & MGMAC

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods handed out the financial reports for February 2012. He explained gas sales were down due to the warm weather. The LOST revenues were 4% more than the prior year.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

James Colson asked the Board to consider blocking MLK Blvd. between N. Dooley and Henry Way Street for a Community wide Easter Egg Hunt.

BLOCK OFF MLK BLVD. BETWEEN N. DOOLEY AND HENRY WAY STREET FOR COMMUNITY WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT: Shelly Berryhill motioned to approve the request. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

Ken Hardy explained that the DOT representatives have reported that they will definitely be going back to two bridges when repairs are made. This is good news.

Henry Cravey commended all Commissioners for their effort in purchasing an ad in the Georgia Prison Warden's Association handbook.

Cravey asked about the Motorcycle Club event. Manager Murkerson stated he was still working with City Attorney Walker and Pulaski County Sheriff Billy Cape and if approve the amended ordinance on activities prohibited after midnight that will give the club some idea of what they can do.

Shelly Berryhill commended all the volunteers involved in a successful Teen Maze. Over 700 students, parents and others attended the most realistic maze of areas that Teens must face and it showed what real life consequences they could get into.

He also commended Karen Bailey and Michelle Elliott for their involvement with Agri-Tourism and to continue the progress.

Berryhill reported property in the triangle located on 341 Hwy. past the old Antique/Auction building had been donated for the possible Skate Park.

He asked about the enrollment in the Pulaski Tomorrow. Can get applications either at Kimberly's or the Chamber.

He reminded everyone to attend the upcoming Harness Festival.

He asked that everyone keep former Commissioner Wilson Credle in their prayers as he was undergoing more treatments.

Phil NeSmith had none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mitch Whitehead introduced Roy Whitehead, Commander of American Legion Post 329. Roy Whitehead talked to Commissioners about the Post 329 they help in service to Veterans, their families and the community and would like to get involved in helping improve Colson Park with lighting the ball park area. Manager Murkerson told him when he meets with Georgia Power and their Sports Lighting department to give us a design concept plan, then he will meet with Post 329.

Mitch Whitehead appreciated Commissioners for going ahead with the Called Meeting, that he did not get the message right away, and when he did he was out of town. He apologized for missing it.

Dorothy Williams asked Commissioners to have a meeting with HURA to find out why the members were not attending HURA meetings. Manager Murkerson stated he would talk with HURA Chairman Bill Wall to find out what is going on.

There being no further comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Shelly Berryhill motioned to go into an Executive Session to discuss future acquisition of real estate, personnel and possible litigation. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Henry Cravey, James Colson, Shelly Berryhill, Ken Hardy and Phil NeSmith. No oppositions or abstains.

The time was noted at 6:35 p.m.

The meeting was reopened. The time was noted at 6:50 p.m.

There being no further business.

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