

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Called Meeting Thursday August 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman Shelly Berryhill presiding.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Jerry Murkerson, Finance Director Mitchell Woods and City Clerk Evelyn Herrington.

APPROVE MOWING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH DOT FOR NEW “WELCOME TO HAWKINSVILLE” SIGN ON VIENNA HIGHWAY:

Henry Cravey motioned to approve the agreement, which the same as the 341 Highway agreement. James Colson seconded, motion passed.

DISCUSS NEW PROJECT FOR THE WEB-SITE- WEBQA: Murkerson showed a brief slide of Web-QA’s site, just an information site that explains the company will sell advertisements for merchants, with a directory of businesses. There were some concerns about businesses asking the city questions, did the site run counter to the Chamber, like the idea giving to merchants. Wilson Credle motioned to introduce the site to the county and Chamber of Commerce and city would do its part. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed. Mr. Credle said this company was located in Woodridge, Ill., but found Hawkinsville and provided all information.

DISCUSS TV PROGRAM “TODAY IN AMERICA”: Murkerson explained the TV program “Today in America” hosted by Terry Bradshaw, about Hawkinsville would run one time on National TV, an independent agent, a five minute show will play 20 times at a cost of \$20,000. Ron Wildman said it was a good value. Henry Cravey said we should ask ComSouth to contribute funds plus put on Channel 100. Shelly Berryhill said this should go through the Economic Development Board and would need to know by end of week. Wilson Credle asked what we expected to get out of the program. No action was taken.

MCLEOD PROPERTY SECOND STREET: Phil NeSmith stated that he had talked with Olin McLeod and he stated he had no claim to the property that there were at least two related. He requested the city consider dropping the lean against the property for the dilapidated clean up. There was some question concerning the renewal of a lean. Attorney Walker was contacted by phone and relayed that the lean can be renewed from now on, but must be renewed within three years of the first lean. No action taken.

PURCHASE NEW LAWN MOWER: Murkerson explained Public Works Director Johnny Gordon had shopped around for prices and had received the following;

Bob Cat 52” commercial grade for \$7,426.60

Hustler 54” commercial grade for \$5,408.00

Grasshopper 52” commercial grade for \$7,700.

Gordon and Murkerson recommended the purchase of the Grasshopper from local dealer who would also do warranty work and keep it serviced. Credle asked they check with GovDeals, DOAS to see what they may have to offer.

Phil NeSmith motioned to purchase the Grasshopper 52” commercial grade mower up to the bid price and to pay through SPLOST funds. James Colson seconded, motion passed.

TREASURE TROVE REQUEST: Cravey explained a group had contacted him about doing a treasure trove at the City’s cemetery. After research by Attorney Walker, he found some problems with this. There was some discussion and it was determined a survey of the property needed to be done. No further action taken.

There being no further business.

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

Chairman, Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

City Clerk