

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting October 5, 2015 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Shelly Berryhill presiding.

PRESENT: Chairman Shelly Berryhill, Vice Chair Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy.

Chairman Shelly Berryhill welcomed everyone. Ken Hardy gave a prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner James Colson introduced his special guests the Hawkinsville Middle School Student Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Chuck Southerland said he just wanted to remind everyone the Georgia Conservancy and Georgia Paddlers Association will be returning again November 6-8, 2015 to Hawkinsville, Georgia. Shelly Berryhill thanked Chuck Southerland for all he has done with Rivers Alive and the boat landing for doing such a great job. Pastor Kelsey Marshall with Kingdom Faith and Love Ministries located at 78 Commerce Street Hawkinsville, Georgia. His ministry is to help out wherever they are needed in the community. Chairman Shelly Berryhill welcomed him into the community and that we were very glad to have him.

MINUTES: Vice Chair Phil Ne Smith motioned to approve the minutes of September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting with changes of “State Legislative commission” to read” State Legislative Policy Committee”. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES: Henry Cravey motioned to approve the applicants for businesses in the name of

1. River Town Music
76 Commerce Street Donovan McDonald (applicant)
2. Lee’s Lawn Care Services
51 Elaine Davis Road Joe H. Lee Jr. (applicant)
3. H. Ferguson Construction
34 McDuffie Street Horace Ferguson (applicant)

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

APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO HAWKINSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

POST 4: Larry Dunaway, member of the Housing Authority, nominated Aaron Scott to be considered for the opening on the Housing Authority Board. Rachel Pitts, Director of Housing Authority, nominated Sarah Tenon and Vera Clark to be on the Housing Authority Board. After some discussion within the Commissioners .Vice Chair Phil NeSmith motioned to appoint Aaron Scott to serve a five year term. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by a yes vote by four Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy One opposition, by James Colson. No abstains.

APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO LIBRARY BOARD POST 3, TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF MARY A.” LODIE” JOHNSON FOUR YEAR TERM EXPIRES 7/2018:

Chairman Shelly Berryhill motioned, to table Library Board post three unexpired term of Mary A.” Lodie “Johnson four year term expires7/2018.Phil NeSmith seconded motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

APPROVE LMIG CONTRACT WITH REEVES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY:

Vice Chair Phil Nesmith motioned to approve LMIG Construction Company. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Nesmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

APPROVE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GIDDENS, BENNETT &

COMPANY, P.C.: Ken Hardy motioned to approve engagement letter with Giddens, Bennett & Company, P. C. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Nesmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

APPOINT BETTIE SOLOMON AS PENSION COMMITTEE SECRETARY:

Ken Hardy motioned to approve Bettie Solomon as Pension Committee Secretary. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelley Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

REQUEST FOR A SPEED BUMP ON WEST MCDUFFIE STREET:

James Colson motioned to approve a speed bump on West McDuffie Street. Phil NeSmith seconded, motion passed by four yes vote Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy One opposition by Shelly Berryhill. No abstains.

REQUEST FOR GEORGIA POWER STREET LIGHT ON GEORGIA POWER POLE BEHIND THE CHURCH OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Phil NeSmith motioned to approve Georgia Power street light on Georgia Power pole behind the Church of the Kingdom of God. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

APPROVE GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM VENDOR AGREEMENT: Ken Hardy motioned to approve Georgia Division of Family and Children Services Energy assistance Program Vendor agreement. James Colson seconded motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains

APPROVE TO ACCEPT THIS AS FORMAL NOTICE THAT AS OF 01/01/2015, PULASKI COUNTY IS DONATING TO THE CITY OF HAWKINSVILLE THE LIFT STATION, AND ALL COMPONENTS PERTAINING TO THE LIFT STATION, THAT IS LOCATED IN THE FOREST HILL SUBDIVISION: Vice Chair Phil NeSmith motioned to approve to accept this as formal notice that as of 01/01/2015, Pulaski County is donating to the City of Hawkinsville the lift station, and all components pertaining to the lift station, that is located in the Forest Hill Subdivision. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains

City Manager Update

October, 2015

Old Items from September Meeting:

Highland Avenue Neighborhood CDBG Grant:

LeClay Construction was the low bidder with a total of \$439,575.49. This project started in late August and will continue through October. **All of the water works portions of the project are complete. Contractors started last Friday on the sewer portions on Third Street, North Lumpkin, MLK Blvd, and smaller streets in that neighborhood.** Called pipe bursting. Existing pipe is not removed, an inserted pipe is pulled through the existing pipe then individual hookups are done for the homes. **Some streets will need to be partially blocked as work continues a few more weeks.**

River Market Re-Roofing:

Bates Roofing to start this week and be completed by October 19th. This is a turn-key project and I will climb that latter once more to inspect the work. Anyone that wants to participate can come along.

New Items for October:

Harness Facility:

The facility is looking great and getting ready for the horsemen to arrive in late October thru November. Special recognition goes to Track Manager, Jim Valiante for all the improvements to the facility. **The bunk rooms and bathrooms have been renovated this past summer with a \$25K grant.** The **pond spillway** has been repaired to keep the pond at full pool. The **trees** inside the track are being removed now to be able to see whole tract without any obstructions. Joey Johnson Electric is replacing the RV electrical wiring to true **RV electrical hookups** for safety and reliability. Bobbie Clemons and Lisa's Chic's and volunteers have cleaned and **painted the inside of the track diner.**

We have barrel racing scheduled for **November 7th** at the Pavilion. Reservations for **200 horses** have already been made for the Harness season.

Jim Valiante visited a **Therapeutic Riding** event in October. Therapeutic Riding is very helpful in many developmental programs whether it is **physical or emotional therapy**. These programs operate regular sessions and can be very beneficial to the families that participate. This is just another opportunity Jim has explored to use the Pavilion.

River Market Basement:

The Chamber is planning a “Spooktacular” during the Harvest Fest on Oct. 24th. Visiting the basement of the River Market we discovered there were **no security lights** and the **open drains** could be dangerous. If someone were to break-in the basement and fall into the open drains (**some are 4’ deep**) we would be **liable**. I had Joey Johnson Electrical install **basic security lighting** in the basement and Public Works will be **covering the drains** with plywood, secured to the floor.

Downtown Clean Up:

Michelle Elliott and I had some Master Garners come from Houston County to see our downtown and Cabero Park. Their first recommendation was to **clean up what we have**. Some of the bushes and trees have out-lived their prime seasons. Other recommendations will require more help from local Master Gardeners that can attend training in Perry starting in February 2016. Thanks to **the Public Works guys for the initial clean-up** of bushes and three diseased trees. Bold Springs will have 3 new trees on Oct. 15th to be planted where the others were removed. For now we have cleaned up the sites and fixed any irrigation issues and added mulch. **Color will arrive in spring from the work of our local Master Gardeners.**

This effort is alongside of the Pulaski Tomorrow group that has raised money to purchase and place new trash receptacles in our downtown area.

Charts:

General Fund

Gas Fund

Water/Sewer Fund

Sanitation Fund

Harness Track Fund

Reports Included:

Archway Report

Chamber of Commerce / UP Reports

Work Order Summary

Commercial Past Due Accounts

Past Due Business Licenses *New*

ARCHWAY RPORT:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & UNITED PULASKI, INC. REPORTS:

Mitchell Elliott was absent. Lee Slade stated that she had a lot going on with her youth leadership group, she will also be hosting another suicide meeting October 15, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall. Lee Slade stated that the Hawkinsville Harvest Festival is going to be really good. So far they have 21 vendors, bands, singing, jumping activities for the kids, some show cars. Later that night will be the Haunted House and then to the Opera House for "Night of the Living Dead" movie.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Mitchell Woods stated that the financial reports were in the Commissioners notebooks. He reported that Opera House expenses were up due to a water leak and that Industrial gas unit sales were down, but the margin was up due to a rate increase.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Vice Chair Phil NeSmith had no comment, Ken Hardy just wanted to know has anything been done about the Airport lights, City Manager Tim Young said it has been reported. Shelly Berryhill said he just had one thing at the last meeting he asked the City Manager Tim young to email the Commissioners the list of ordinances from the City Attorney so they could look over the ones that also had State laws. City Manager said he had not done that yet but he will. Henry Cravey had no comment and James Colson stated he just wanted to know what we are doing about the blighted houses, or if we still doing anything about all the dilapidated houses. The City Manager Tim Young said yes, Tom Folds is our building inspection he is still sending out letters to the owners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Shelly Berryhill motioned to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, Properties, Real Estate and Litigation. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains

The time was noted at 6:42 p.m.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Chairman Shelly Berryhill motioned to re-open the meeting. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No opposition or abstains.

APPROVE APPLICANT FOR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE

PERMIT IN THE NAME OF: Vice Chair Phil NeSmith motioned to approve special event alcohol beverage permit in the name of

1. Joe's Bar & Billiards
74 South Houston Street Joseph S. English (applicant)

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

The time was noted at 7:18 p.m.
There being no further business.

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