

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting September 14, 2015 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Shelly Berryhill presiding.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Shelly Berryhill, Vice Chair Phil NeSmith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy

Chairman Shelly Berryhill welcomed everyone. Phil Nesmith gave a Prayer. All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Peyton Roger stated he was frustrated about the side walk not getting finished and wanted to know when it will be finished the Commissioners explain that they could not tell him that at this time, but the City Manager Tim Young will let him know something about the cost in about two weeks.

Joel Campbell stated he had lots to talk about and was very unhappy with the City Commissioners and not going to play nice anymore.

Chuck Southerland stated the Georgia Conservancy and Georgia Paddlers Association will be returning again November 6-8, 2015 in Hawkinsville Georgia. And Chuck Southerland also talked about the Suicide Prevention Group and how he wanted more people in the community to get involved. He also wanted to thank to the City for all the help and especially Commissioner Phil Ne Smith and Henry Cravey for all their help.

Willie Tenon stated that he had a problem with the officers not abiding by the law but expecting the citizens to do so. Shelly Berryhill tried to explain to Willie Tenon that the Commissioners had nothing to do with the County Sheriff Department. And how ever the Sherriff want to handle that is what he is going with. Shelly Berryhill stated he was sorry Willie Tenon had a problem but our hands are tied and there is nothing we can do about it. Tabatha Tenon stated she was going to discuss City curfew, but now since it has been taken off the agenda, that was illegal. Shelly Berryhill stated it was on the agenda but just moved it around and that was all he had to say on the subject.

Elizabeth Smith stated she just wanted to know if any thing could be done about the eighteen wheelers coming down Highland Avenue. Like putting up a sign on each end of the Street saying no big trucks allowed. City Manager said he would see about doing that he would also see if Hollingsworth and Vose would do the same.

Runnell Mc Donald just wanted to thank City Manager Tim Young, Commissioners and the City Crew for a job well done in keeping the grass cut on Poplar Street.

**MINUTES:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015.Regular Meeting with changes in the name of "Coley" to read "Colson". Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill. Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Vice Chair Phil NeSmith motioned to reappoint Hawkinsville Housing authority Resident Member Pete Jackson to serve another two year term. 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 APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS:** Ken Hardy motioned to approve the applications for business in the name of

1. GA TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC  
54 Wild Wood Ave. Gerald Murkerson, (applicant)
2. EVERY THING & BEAUTY  
74 Commerce Street. Mary Aaron, (applicant)

3. BREE HOLDER STATE FARM AGENCY, LLC  
24 South Jackson Street. Bree Holder, (applicant)
4. SIMPLY SOUTHERN TULIPS & TREASURES  
70 Commerce Street. Lyn Bush, (applicant)

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

**APPROVE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT IN THE NAME OF:** Vice Chair Phil NeSmith motioned to approve the special event alcohol beverage permit in the name of

1. Five Points Berries, LLC  
749 Johnson Cemetery Rd. Mauk Georgia  
Sterling Messer and Mary Gebhart  
(applicant)
2. Hawkinsville – Pulaski County Arts Council  
42 Lumpkin Street. Kristen Marie Berryhill  
(applicant)

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

**APPROVE PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATION:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve Planning and Zoning recommendation to rezone 86 South Jackson Street from R-1 to B-2. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

**APPROVE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DRIVEWAY EASEMENT:** James Colson motioned to approve Georgia Department of Transportation. Driveway Easement, 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 2015 LOAN RENEWAL FOR MGM-1 MATADOR MISSILE:** Phil Ne Smith motioned to approve 2015 Loan Renewal for MGM-1 Matador Missile; 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 CLOSE BANK ACCOUNT:** Henry Cravey motioned to approve to close Bank accounts. James Colson seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No oppositions or abstains.

1. Close Records Court checking account 1049563
2. Close Hawkinsville Development Authority checking account 1086856
3. Close Hawkinsville Urban Redevelopment Agency checking account 1107268

City Hall will be closed Monday October 12, for Columbus Holiday.

**DISCUSS ALCOHOL SALES AFTER MIDNIGHT:** Phil Ne Smith motioned not to discuss Alcohol sales after midnight ever again; The Commissioners has already decided to let the Sherriff make that decision. Henry Cravey seconded, motion passed by yes vote by Shelly Berryhill, Phil Ne Smith, James Colson, Henry Cravey and Ken Hardy. No opposition or abstain.

## **City Manager Update September, 2015**

### **Old Items from August Meeting:**

#### **Central Georgia Technical College – ACT Profiles – Work Keys:**

**Ann Lear with CGTC is working on ACT Profiles – Work Keys that are designed to identify skills sets needed for employee positions.** The first three positions to be identified are **Director of Public Works, Water Supervisor and Waste Water Director.** **MGRC is paying for this service by CGTC on behalf of the City of Hawkinsville.**

#### **Street Lights at Southern Hills Golf Course:**

We had calls about a number of **lights not working at Southern Hills.** After talking with Middle Georgia Electric, who maintains the lights, almost **19 lights** have been out for an extended period of time. All but 5 of the 19 have been repaired. **One LED light has been installed as a test** light to determine if these deliver enough light for the area. If this one works great, Middle Georgia Electric will begin to replace all of the lights to LED as lights need repair.

#### **DOT Bridge Replacement:**

I contacted Harland Smith with DOT regarding the cost and this is the City's responsibility to pay. **The price covers engineering and structural changes from a standard bridge.** If we want to include the hangers in this project we must decide quickly. Harland has indicated that the cost to the City to add the hangers is **\$148,675.** This is hangers only, no pipe.

#### **Highland AVE. 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.**

### **New Items for September:**

#### **H&V Gas Negotiations:**

H&V has accepted the City's latest gas pricing submission in July 2015. They have agreed on the City firm distribution gas charges of \$1.10 per MMBtu PLUS the City transportation cost of \$0.45 per MMBtu. The actual cost of the gas is a pass through cost to H&V. The total costs will be calculated as the cost of gas pass through + \$1.10 + \$0.45. Additionally, H&V will receive curtailment notices directly from Southern Natural pipeline operators. H&V will make the determination to continue to operate without notification of the City. Also, H&V will negotiate directly with our gas supplier to Hedge gas for future use. The City will not participate in these negotiations. H&V will present to the City a contract to be reviewed annually for pricing at their expense.

#### **Poplar Street property purchase:**

23 Poplar Street was purchased by the City for the CDBG Grant project. This property has two dwellings on it that sit on top of water and sewer lines that will be replaced by the Grant. The City will need to remove the dwellings for access to the water and sewer lines. This purchase was voted to proceed in the June 2015 Commissioner's meeting.

#### **River Market Re-Roofing:**

Bates Roofing to start the week of September 28 and be completed by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pavilion at the Harness Facility:**

State Representative Buddy Harden brought the FFA Livestock Board to see the Pavilion and Track. The five attendees were unaware of our facility and want to include the Pavilion on their schedule in the future. The closest other facility is Tifton and Rome. These locations are qualifiers for the Championships held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry. We will be following up on the FFA Livestock opportunities.

**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 REPORT:** Michelle Elliott stated that she just wanted to thank everybody for all their help especially Phil Ne Smith and Henry Cravey for helping with the Suicide Project. She also wanted to thank Chuck Southerland for printing suicide warning signs to help get the community more inform about if they need help they would know the warning sings and where to find help. Michelle Elliott was very proud of her youth group. The Youth group project for this year was providing 300 books to donate to the youth.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & UNITED PULASKI, INC. REPORTS:**

Lee Slade stated that Chamber is going to be a really good Harvest Festival this year. United Pulaski is working real hard they had a trip to Atlanta looking to joint another Development Regional.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mitchell Woods passed out Financial Reports for July 2015. He reported that Industrial Mcf's unit sales were down, but the margin was up due to a rate increase.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** James Colson stated he had received calls from customers stating they could not pay their utility bill without their account number. City Manager said they had taken down the signs.

Henry Cravey had no comments.

Shelly Berryhill stated that he was presenting to the GICH in Tifton on dilapidated housing and mills.

Shelly Berryhill also said he was with GMA on the State Legislative policy committee. Shelly Berryhill also stated he met with the group on the Firehouse Restoration Project and three state officials were in Hawkinsville to see what grants they could find to help. Shelly Berryhill also asked the City Manager to email the Commissioners the list of ordinances from the City Attorney so they could look over the ones that also had State laws.

Ken Hardy said there was a possibility to do something with the old firehouse for tourist and economic attractions through grants.

Phil NeSmith encouraged the community to get involved with the Suicide Prevention Group. Phil NeSmith also stated he attended the meeting with Jointly Owned Natural Gas about obtaining maximum capacity on the lines which would help economically attracting industrials and other business into coming to Hawkinsville; which is the only way to help the City grow.

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

The time was noted at 6:58 p.m.

**RE-OPEN MEETING:** Chairman Shelly Berryhill motioned to re-open meeting James Colson 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 7:25 p. m.

Shelly Berryhill asked City Manager, Tim Young to ask Butch Hall about how the County paves roads to see if it was cheaper than the quote for Third Street.

Lodi Johnson resigned from the Library Board and the Commissioners would need to re-appoint someone else to fill that position.

Mitchell Whitehead will be up for renewal November 1, 2015 on The Housing Authority Board.

There being no further business.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Shelly Berryhill motioned to adjourn. Ken Hardy seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman Board of Commission  
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

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City Clerk