

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting Monday, May 1, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Ken Hardy presiding.

PRESENT: Ken Hardy, Shelly Berryhill, Laney Griffin and Ken Clark and Bernice Banks were present.

Chairman Ken Hardy called the meeting to order.

City Clerk, Dianna Carney Administered the Oath of Office to Bernice Banks, newly elected Commissioner to fill the unexpired post of James Colson.

AGENDA: Laney Griffin moved for approval of the agenda. Ken Clark seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill moved for approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Joe English addressed the Board about businesses on Commerce Street wanting handicapped parking spaces in front of their businesses. City Manager, Sara Myers asked Mr. English to get her a list of the businesses requesting the parking spaces and she will contact DOT.

Lee Ricker addressed the Board about his home at 43 Mansfield Drive needing to connect to City services. He stated that he just recently discovered he was on a septic tank. City Manager, Sara Myers has already started the process to see what would be involved. The Board said they will make a decision once they have all of the details.

Dorothy Williams at 43 S Dooley Street asked about having the ditch in front of her home dug back out it has been filling back up with dirt and is causing some flooding in her yard. City Manager, Sara Myers told her she would check on this for her.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE: Business License Application: Ken Clark moved for approval of the presented Business Licenses. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT	LOCATION
Middle Georgia Garage Doors	Chris Vanlandingham	64 First Avenue
C & D Construction	Thomas Dunn	341 Columbus Highway
Slick Chicz on the Move	Shanika Johnson Rawls	62 Sixth Street Apt. 29
Aiyan Diabetes Center	Janaki Nadarajah	222 Perry Highway
Doug Howard Handyman & Tinkering	Walter Howard	363 Eastman Highway
Yearby-Lester Mortuary	Tony Lester	46 MLK Blvd

Community Banking Month Proclamation: Ken Clark moved for approval of the Proclamation. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

Dump Trailer Purchase: Shelly Berryhill moved for the purchase of a dump trailer from The Trailer Shop at the cost of \$10,650.00, using Splost funds. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

BOARD RENEWALS:

TABLED: Cynthia Williamson's term with the Historical Preservation Commission will expire on June 1, 2023. She stated due to her schedule she is unable to attend meetings. She said she would be happy to stay on the Commission if they need her but understands if they want to replace her.

Ms. Bernice Banks' term with the Historical Preservation Commission will expire on October 5, 2023. Our charter does not have a provision for an elected official to serve on this particular Commission. Ms. Bernice Banks submitted her resignation letter on May 1, 2023.

Shelly Berryhill moved to table this allowing the Commission time to present the Board with their choices. Ken Clark seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

APPROVE: Chris Dollar's term with the Recreation Board will expire June 1, 2023. He would like to continue on the Board. Ken Clark moved to approve reappointment of Chris Dollar to the Recreation Board. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

TABLED: Shelly Berryhill moved to table the rezoning request from R-1 City Single Family Residential to R-4 City Multi-Family Residential for:

**H09B0010004 – V/L Watson Street
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due to the Planning and Zoning Board tabling the request, asking applicant to supply additional information to the Board. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

GMA's District 6 Officers Ballot for the 2023-2024 Year: Shelly Berryhill moved to accept the ballot as presented. Ken Clark seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

North Industrial Park Conceptual Layouts: Ken Clark moved to give City Manager, Sara Myers' permission to start the prep work to have property graded so that the property is ready when a business is interested. Funds from Economic Development can be used for these preparations. Ken Hardy seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

2023 Additional Election Expense Request: Ken Clark moved not to pay these additional expenses of \$4000 that is being requested by the Pulaski County Board of Elections. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

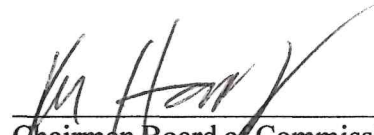
SCADA System for Forest Hill Lift Station: Shelly Berryhill moved have the system installed. Ken Clark seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Shelly Berryhill suggested City Manager, Sara Myers and City Attorney, Jim Elliott look into updating codes to address Electric Vehicle (EV) zoning classifications. Hawkinsville has been approved to have EV charging stations installed in the City. Georgia Power would be doing the installation at no cost to the City. He also asked them to look into short-term rental ordinances.

Shelly Berryhill also commented that in 2024 a new bill could go into effect making it illegal to use utility funds to support the General Fund account.

ADJOURN: Ken Hardy called to adjourn the meeting.


Chairman Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK