

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2025, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Chairwoman Bernice Banks presiding.

PRESENT: Shelly Berryhill, Ken Clark, Laney Griffin, Bernice Banks, Tate Mashburn.
Chairwoman Bernice Banks called the meeting to order. City Attorney Jim Elliott was present.

Commissioner Shelly Berryhill gave the invocation and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Laney Griffin moved to approve the agenda. Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

MINUTES: Ken Clark moved to approve the April 7, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Mary Boney addressed the Board about whether or not the city was planning any youth events for the summer. Annie Shennett spoke about the trash being thrown on private property from residents at the Housing Authority as well as mentioning of a street light outage at Colson Park. Chuck Southerland addressed the Board about fish dying in his pond. He believes there is a sewer spill that has caused the fish to die. Caroline McKenzie asked if the driveway pipe could be cleaned out at 32 Colson Street. Joe Raley asked the Board when crush and run would be put down at the end of Watson Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Clark moved to approve tentatively paving Merritt Street from Jackson Street to Dooley Street and 3rd Street from Progress Avenue to Lumpkin Street with funds from the **2025 Supplemental LMIG**. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT	LOCATION
Freda’s Food Yard	Odel Riley III	208 Commerce Street

Bernice Banks moved to approve the **appointment of Meisha Jackson to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Robert Herman**. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve the **Georgia Municipal Association District 6 Officers Ballot as presented**. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve the **Bruins Crossing Subdivision Utility Easement**. This easement will not be recorded with the Clerks Office, it will only serve to satisfy the requirements with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Grant. Ken Clark seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve paying off the **BB&T (Truist Bank) loan in the amount of \$98,129.94**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

Ken Clark moved to approve the **2024 Watershed Protection Plan Report**. Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve the **2025-2026 Classic Main Street Memorandum of Understanding**. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

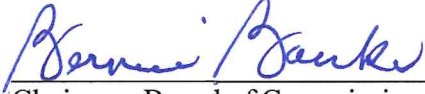
Ken Clark moved to approve the proclamation for the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Kiwanis Club.

Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No oppositions.

With no further business to discuss, Bernice Banks adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


Chairman Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia