

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting Monday, September 14, 2026, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Tate Mashburn presiding.

PRESENT: Bernice Banks, Tate Mashburn, Laney Griffin, Shelly Berryhill, and City Attorney, Jim Elliott.

ABSENT: Chairman, Ken Clark

Vice-Chairman, Tate Mashburn, called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: Laney Griffin moved to approve the agenda. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

MINUTES: Shelly Berryhill moved to approve the **August 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**, Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by all who were present. No opposition.

Tate Mashburn noted that **City Hall would be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, for Columbus Day.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Kenny White, a former City employee, addressed the Board regarding his retirement. Mr. White was hired by the City in 1996 and worked in the recreation department. In January 2005, all recreation department employees were moved from being employees of the city to employees of the Recreation Department and were paid by the Pulaski County Recreation Department which was managed by their Board at the time. Mr. White says he received retirement benefits only from 1996 to 2005 yet worked until 2026. City Attorney, Jim Elliott, will investigate the matter.

NEW BUSINESS: Occupational Tax Applications: Laney Griffin made a motion to approve all occupational tax applications presented. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all present. No opposition.

BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT	LOCATION
Granny T's Designs	Tina Rogers	181 Cottonfield Road
R&S Environmental	Carmen Floyd	19 Spring Valley Drive
The Gilded Pine	Dylan Langston & Jacob Rogers	110 Commerce Street
Colors for Autism	Sherquon & Courtney Anderson	82 S. Houston Street
Meeks Landscaping	Tanner Meeks	22 Boeing Street

Laney Griffin made a motion to approve the Special Event Alcohol License Applications for **Jail Creek Farms, LLC. (10-24-2026) & La Cabana Restaurant (10-24-2026). Tipsy Peaches Mobile Bar (09-26-2026) to be Approved Contingent Upon Background Check Approval by Sheriff's Department.** Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who was present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Unsafe Buildings or Structures Ordinance Amendment 2026-7.** Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance Amendment 2026-8.** Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Bernice Banks moved to approve **Municipal Court Ordinance Amendment 2026-9.** Laney Grffin; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Municipal Court Solicitor Resolution 2026-2. The motion was Amended by Shelly Berryhill to Approve the Municipal Court Solicitor Reposition 2026-2 and Appoint Chad Pritchett to Serve as the Municipal Court Solicitor for a Term of 12-Months.** The amended motion was seconded by Laney Grffin; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present.

No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **City Cemetery Offenses Ordinance Addition 2026-10**. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Chamber of Commerce Agreement**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Bad Debt Write-Off**. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve the **TRAVELS Archway Project MOU**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Bernice Banks moved to award the **2025 CDBG Project to Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Laney Griffin moved to approve the **2025 CDBG Construction Contract with Doyle Hancock & Sons Construction**. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to award the **2026 LRA, 2027 LMIG, & TSPLSOT Paving Project to The Scruggs Company**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Laney Griffin moved to approve the **2026 LRA, 2027 LMIG, & TSPLOST Paving Construction Contract with The Scruggs Company**. Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Shelly Berryhill moved for approval to enter Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate and Potential Litigation. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Time noted was 7:00 p.m.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Bernice Banks moved for approval to re-open the regular meeting. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Time noted was 7:41 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Tate Mashburn adjourned the meeting.



Chairman Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK