

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Hawkinsville, Georgia met in a Regular Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2026, at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Ken Clark presiding.

PRESENT: Ken Clark, Bernice Banks, Tate Mashburn, Laney Griffin, and Shelly Berryhill.

ABSENT: City Attorney, Jim Elliott.

Chairman, Ken Clark called the meeting to order.

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

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

MINUTES: Tate Mashburn moved to approve the **September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**, Laney Griffin seconded; Chairman Ken Clark abstained from voting, due to being absent; motion passed by all who voted. No opposition.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Ms. Roundtree addressed the board about an update on the situation with Taylor Regional Hospital’s Emergency Room. She thanked the board for listening and they thanked her for her concern.

NEW BUSINESS: Occupational Tax Applications: Laney Griffin made a motion to approve the occupational tax application presented. Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all present. No opposition.

BUSINESS NAME	APPLICANT	LOCATION
Smith’s Electrical Works	Jesse Wyatt Smith	334 Chicken Road

Tate Mashburn made a motion to approve the **Alcohol License Application for Wine N Buggies, LLC dba The Grill**. Laney Griffin seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who was present. No opposition.

Laney Griffin moved to approve **The Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreement Amendment with Johnny B’z Lawn and Demolition** which will change the payment schedule from March through October to January through December, with same contracted payment amount spread over a 12-month period. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Bernice Banks moved to approve **The Probation Service Agreement, contingent on review and approval from City Attorney, Jim Elliott**. Tate Mashburn seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Shelly Berryhill moved to approve **Municipal Court Solicitor Pay Rate** of \$300.00 per court appearance. Bernice Banks seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Ken Clark moved to approve the **Survey for the Road Abandonment, which is a portion of Hillcrest Avenue**. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

Laney Griffin moved to approve the recommendation of Drew Cravey to fill the unexpired term of Ben Cravey, which expires on 09/13/2030 to the **Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority Board**. Shelly Berryhill seconded; motion passed by a yes vote by all who were present. No opposition.

The commission discussed concerns related to large gatherings that result in roadway obstructions, traffic disruptions, and increased demands on law enforcement and emergency resources.

With no further business to discuss, Ken Clark adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Board of Commission
Hawkinsville, Georgia

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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