

**HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

April 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Hoschton City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Copenhaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Council members: Jim Jester, Post 2
 John Schulte, Post 3
 Richard Shepherd, Post 4
 Tom Walden, Post 5

Acting City Clerk Karen Butler
City Attorney Thomas Mitchell
Mayor Bill Copenhaver

Absent: Richard Green, Post 1
 Theresa Kenerly, Post 6

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion was made by Councilman Schulte to approve minutes of the March 3, 2008 regular meeting and March 21, 2008 call meeting, seconded by Councilman Shepherd. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Jester to handle Item K for Councilman Green.

E. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:

None

F. PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION:

None

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Water, Waste, and Environmental Services

Councilman Jester had nothing to add to the report that was presented by Councilman Green on Thursday.

2. Fiscal Resources

Councilman Walden reported that the budget amendment hearing on April 14 has been changed to April 16, and a second meeting on the budget April 21 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

3. Public Works and Properties

Councilman Jester reported that there is nothing to add to his report except to confirm if there will be a committee meeting on Monday, April 21st at 10:00 following the budget meeting.

4. Public Safety

Councilman Shepherd reported there was nothing to add to the report submitted on Thursday night.

5. Planning and Zoning

Councilwoman Kenerly is not in attendance.

6. Business, Commerce, and Economic Development

Councilman Schulte reported that there is one thing to add to his report from Thursday. The schedule of entertainment is finished, established and flexible.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

1. City Clerk Search Committee

Mayor Copenhaver reported that there have been 23 applicants. They are interviewing 6 or seven candidates. Hopefully we will have someone to bring forward at the May 1 work session.

2. Fall Festival Committee

Mayor Copenhaver reported that the event is planned for Sept. 26th & 27th, 2008. Forms and invitations will go out within the next month or so.

3. Economic Development Commission

No one present

4. Historic Commission

Diane Blankenship reports there was a meeting on the March 24th. Will have a meeting again in April.

Mayor Copenhaver reports that the City will have Clean-up April 23-25. There will be a dumpster for collection of trash. White goods and appliance can be brought up, as well as computers and printers. City employees will pick up brush & limbs if residents call City Hall.

I. ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Copenhaver presented the monthly Administrative report, a copy of which is attached in the official minute book.

J. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

- 1. RZ-07-02 Shannon Sell**
Oak Street – Lot 7 (Rezone from R1 to C2)
(Tabled at February & March Council Meeting)

Councilman Shepherd spoke regarding this. Mr. Sell did not present additional input.

Motion by Councilman Shepherd to deny the request to re-zone Lot 7 located on Oak Street from R1 to C2, seconded by Councilman Walden. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 2. Home Rule Charter Amendment**
Section 6.C Appointment & Removal of City employees other than department heads.
Second read on this.
(1st Read Approved at March Council Meeting)

Section 6.C of the Charter of the City of Hoschton is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

- (C) With the approval of the City Council appoint and remove all officers and department heads of the City of Hoschton.
Approve the appointment or removal of other employees of the City of Hoschton when recommended by respective department heads.

Motion by Councilman Walden to accept the Home Rule Charter Amendment 6(c), seconded by Councilman Shepherd. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Waste Pick up rate increase**
Councilman Jester spoke for Councilman Green regarding a rate increase for residential customers. Waste pro will increase the rate they charge the city .56 cents. This increase will be from current rate of \$11.69 to new rate of \$12.25. The wastewater committee recommends the increase to residents be from current rate of \$14.50 to new rate of \$15.00.

Motion by Councilman Jester on behalf of the wastewater committee to approve a rate increase for waste pick up from \$14.50 per month to \$15.00, seconded by Councilman Walden. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

L. CLOSING COMMENTS:

No closing comments.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Councilman Schulte to move to executive session to discuss potential and pending litigation, seconded by Councilman Shepherd. Motion carried with all present voting in favor at 7:11 p.m.

Return from executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Walden to return to regular session, seconded by Councilman Schulte. All voted in favor to return to regular session at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Copenhaver called this meeting back in regular session.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no business to be acted on from the executive session, motion was made by Councilman Schulte to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion carried with all present voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Butler, Acting City Clerk

Attachments in Minute Book

APPROVED:

William Copenhaver, Mayor

City Clerk

