

**HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

June 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm.
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: Richard Green, Post 1
 Jim Jester, Post 2
 John Schulte, Post 3
 Richard Shepherd, Post 4
 Tom Walden, Post 5
 Theresa Kenerly, Post 6

City Clerk	Kristen Smith
City Attorney	Thomas Mitchell
Mayor	William Copenhaver

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion made by Councilwoman Kenerly to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2008 regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Green, with all present voting in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

None

E. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:

None

F. PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION:

Carol Tanner showed concern for cemetery issue, with eight supporters, after becoming aware that the road is to be shut. Family members are buried at the cemetery.

There is difficulty with maintaining sites and the road is dangerous to back-down. A friend, Ms. Mason just lost her husband, and currently upset.

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Water, Waste, and Environmental Services**
Check received for aerators (\$9,000)
Jefferson Street Sewer Lift Station gone
Three bids for generator ranging from \$39,000-\$61,000
2. **Fiscal Resources**
No committee meeting.
Later in this meeting the updated budget is to be discussed.
Revenues exceeding expenses for year to date.
3. **Public Works and Properties**
There are two projects concerning street repairs:
 1. Curbing and Paving on White Street
 2. Deer Creek to begin this week.

For resurfacing of W. Jefferson, see attached Public Works and Properties Committee Report from Jester.
4. **Public Safety**
Government Deals- Waiting for Training that should begin this week.
5. **Planning and Zoning**
New Community Church and commission met, one zoning.
6. **Business, Commerce, and Economic Development**
 - A. Farmers Market: There is an interest in plants, and sales increased beyond expectations.
 - B. Boy Scouts: 178% was achieved, exceeding goal. Thanks are to be given to Bob McNaughton and Ray Vaughn.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

1. **Fall Festival Committee**
The Fall Festival is set for September 26th & 27th, with a scarecrow stampede and entertainment.
2. **Economic Development Commission**
None

3. Historic Commission: Dianne Blankenship, Carol Tanner, Robbie Bettis, Ralph Freeman, and Joanne Howe

Darby Building History: Constructed in 1900s, Mr. Darby did work on guns, to perform furniture repairs, etc. in his shop. On the front porch, Mr. Darby and others could be seen playing musical instruments and playing checkers. After Mr. Darby's death, Ben Frank Wilson rented the building. Mr. Wilson ran the Bank of Hoschton, as well as, sold insurance. The insurance business was moved to the Darby building after Mr. Wilson left banking. Mr. Wilson was also city clerk and held meetings in the Darby building. Then the Boyd's bought the Darby building, and put it about where it is now.

Mayor Copenhaver reports that Public Works and Properties with Planning and Zoning are to review the building and move of Darby building to make recommendation to City Council when review completed.

I. ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

None

J. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Amended 2008 Budget
Operating from Proposal date 04/16

Motion by Councilman Walden to approve the Amended 2008 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

2. Ordinances:
a. Loitering

Motion by Councilman Shepherd to approve Loitering ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

b. Panhandling

Motion by Councilman Shepherd to approve Panhandling ordinance, seconded by Councilman Schulte. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance: Motorized Carts

Items brought to attention: 1. Map to designate crossings
2. Defining Fees (discussed as separate item)

Councilman John Schulte points out that a word was left off of Section E that should state parallel city streets.

Councilman Tom Walden reports that if a vehicle has a license plate and registration then that vehicle is not affected by this ordinance.

Mayor Copenhaver states:

1. Ordinance-Motorized Carts to be brought up again in July
2. Adopt Fees is to be held in City Fee Schedule

2. CUP-08-01 Conditional Use Permit

Allow Church in Industrial District

The New Community Church moving to Safety Storage, with the recommended approval by the staff and Planning & Zoning Committee.

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to approve New Community Church, seconded by Councilman Green. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

3. Well Drilling Contract Award

Four bids have been placed, yet the cost is not to exceed \$25,000.
The new well will save money and provide a back-up.

Motion by Councilman Green to accept Oconee Well Drillers bid, seconded by Councilman Schulte. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

4. Pall Membrane System at WWTP

Declare Surplus Property

The Pall Membrane System is not needed for a WWTP, as it is used for treating drinking water.

Motion by Councilman Green to sell Pall Membrane System, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

5. Industrial Area Interception

All zoning is commercial/ industrial

There is a desire to provide sewage to industrial area. Dale Construction has put in a low bid that may still be accepted. There has been \$35,000 previously collected.

A concern was stated by Councilman Green, that the city would have to pay \$118,000. A suggestion was given that there be an open period for pre-payment based percentage of completion at \$5,000 per connection, but a deadline must be given. After deadline date, the fee increases and differential rates can be imposed.

See Attached Water, Waste, and Environmental Services Report

Motion by Councilman Green to accept Dale Construction bid, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

6. Revisit Closing of Mill Street

Consider making one-way street

There will be a citizen hardship present with one-way street. For the one-way street, an ordinance is necessary to adopt that turns Broad Street SE to Cabin Drive, designating as a one-way street.

Motion made by Councilman Jester to reverse earlier decision of closing Mill Street, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

L. CLOSING COMMENTS:

No closing comments.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council member Walden makes the following motion:

1. That this Mayor and Council now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G. A. 50-14-4 and pursuant to advise by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing the following:

Potential/ Pending Litigation

2. That this body, in open session, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G. A. 50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within expectations permitted by the open meetings law, said resolution to be in the form as attached hereto.

Motion Approved

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure, Council Members: Richard Green, Jim Jester, John Schulte, Richard Shepherd, Tom Walden, and Theresa Kenerly.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen A. Smith, City Clerk

Attachments in Minute Book

APPROVED:

William Copenhaver, Mayor

Kristen A. Smith, City Clerk