

City of Hoschton Called Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2009

City of Hoschton held a Called Council Meeting on September 21, 2009 at the Hoschton Depot. Present were Mayor Bill Copenhaver; Council Members Richard Green, Jim Jester, John Schulte, Richard Shepherd, Theresa Kenerly; City Clerk Kristen Mahan and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Mayor Copenhaver called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

1. Resolution approving revising loan with GEFA

Councilman Richard Green recommended tabling item until the October Work Session and Regular Council Meeting due to some financial guarantee information.

Councilman Green makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Schulte, to table the Resolution approving revising loan with GEFA due to some financial guarantee information until the regularly scheduled October Work Session and Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried by a 5 - 0 vote with all members present in favor.

2. Consideration of Police Department relocation

Councilman Jim Jester presented proposal to relocate the Police Department to City Hall. Jester read his written proposal which includes description of the problem being the ownership of the current Hoschton PD rented space has been transferred to a bankruptcy trustee and must be vacated no later than 01-01-10. Jester describes secondary problems associated with the current location including Public Safety exposure, City Hall security and costs. Jester recommends a plan of action to move the Police Department to City Hall and will present a detailed recommendation during the October 5th Regular Council Meeting.

Councilman Richard Shepherd states discussion of the evidence locker and security of those items took place during the September Public Safety Committee meeting. Shepherd reports this alarmed unit will have to be moved from its current location to City Hall.

A copy of Councilman Jester's proposal to relocate the police department to city hall is included and made a part of these Minutes.

3. Consideration of holding remaining 2009 Council Work Sessions and Regular Council Meetings at Depot

Councilman Schulte makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Jester, to move the remaining 2009 Work Sessions and Regular Council Meetings to the Depot.

Motion carried by a 5 - 0 vote with all members present in favor.

4. Consideration of December Work Session

Mayor Copenhaver asked consideration to cancel December 2009 Work Session based on the December regular Council Meeting having five new members. Copenhaver asked for discussion regarding this consideration.

Councilwoman Kenerly asks if the Work Session may be used as a time to familiarize the newly elected officials with certain city business.

City attorney Thomas Mitchell states there were issues four years ago making a Work Session necessary however with the current lack of activity it isn't the same situation now. Mitchell further recollects that newly elected officials sat on the front row and participated in formulating the Regular Meeting agenda during the Work Session. Mitchell mentions some city's have their Work Session the same day of the Regular Meeting and doesn't recommend canceling but may consider alternative options for the meeting platform.

Councilman Jester recalls the Work Session four years ago and as a newly elected official sat on the front row. Then the newly elected Council had to adopt a budget that had been created by previous Mayor and Council which isn't an issue in 2009. Jester recommends waiting until the November meeting to determine if a December Work Session is necessary or not.

Mayor Copenhaver states the meeting will remain as scheduled for now.

5. Relocation of playground equipment from Depot area to Hoshton Park

Mayor Copenhaver states business items 5 and 6 are related and will be discussed at the same time.

Councilwoman Kenerly states the Hoshton Historical Committee has been working for 3 years or more to move the Darby Building. The Building has now been moved to a location approved by Council however issues remain including Mr. Horace Johnson is not pleased with the building location, question regarding property lines, and the building is still sitting on temporary steel beams owned by the moving company. Kenerly reports the Jackson County Parks & Recreation will move all the existing playground equipment from its current location, store it, then remove from storage and set-up at the new Hoshton Park upon park completion as well as pay all costs incurred. Kenerly states it's time to move forward with the permanent placement of the Darby Building and renovations. The cost to move the building again, more toward Highway 53 and further from Mr. Johnson's personal property, will be \$1,000.

Councilwoman Kenerly makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Schulte, for Jackson County Parks and Recreation to move the playground equipment to the new Hoshton Park at their expense, then relocate the Darby Building to its permanent site and the City pay up to \$500 of the building moving cost from Recreation SPLOST.

Motion carried by a 4 in favor vote and 1 opposed. Council Members voting in favor are Theresa Kenerly, Richard Shepherd, John Schulte and Richard Green. Council Member voting opposed is Jim Jester.

6. Location of Darby Building

Mayor Copenhaver states business items 5 and 6 are related and will be discussed at the same time. See motion above

7. Amend Special Election Qualifying ending time to be 4:30PM

Councilwoman Kenerly makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Green, to end Special Election Qualifying at 4:30 p.m.

Motion carried by a 5 - 0 vote with all members present in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCIL MEMBER KENERLY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN, TO ADJOURN.

Motion carried by a 5 - 0 vote with all members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Mahan, City Clerk

Attachments in Minute Book

APPROVED:

William Copenhaver, Mayor

Kristen Mahan, City Clerk