

HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Hoschton Depot

A regular meeting of the Hoschton City Council was held October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Hoschton Depot. Present were Mayor Bill Copenhaver, Council Members Richard Green, Jim Jester, John Schulte, Richard Shepherd, Theresa Kenerly. Also present were City Clerk Kristen Mahan and City Planner Wistar Harmon. Absent was City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Mayor Copenhaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

COUNCIL MEMBER JESTER MAKES MOTION, SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER KENERLY, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 CALLED COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 CALLED COUNCIL MEETING.

Motion carries by a 5 - 0 vote with all members voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Change to agenda:

- 1) Tabling of New Business Item 2. Georgia SAVE Program until November 2009 meeting

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Water, Waste and Environmental Services

Councilman R. Green has one additional item since the Thursday Work Session report. Hoschton soon issue a Request for Proposals for trash collection; with the selecting of a service provider from bids received will be one of the first orders of business for the new council.

2. Fiscal Resources: No report.

3. Public Works and Properties

Councilman J. Jester reports no meeting but Jester did met with Chief Howell to discuss the Police Department space which will be covered later during this meeting.

4. Public Safety

Councilman R. Shepherd has nothing to add to the Thursday Work Session report.

5. Planning & Zoning

Councilwoman T. Kenerly has nothing to report.

6. Business, Commerce, and Economic Development

Councilman J. Schulte reports Chuck Cope, Hoschton Business Alliance President, cancelled the November 13th and 14th 2009 Tractor Show Event. Hoschton Farmers Market continues with seasonal items. Pumpkins are expected to arrive October 17th and available for sale on October 24th. A Costume Contest to be held at Towne Center on October 31st. In regard to other public interests, Schulte announces Christmas trees will be available for sale beginning November 21st and a Christmas Event on December 5th.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Mayor Copenhaver presents the September report which is included and made a part of these Minutes.

UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation to Relocate the Police Department to City Hall

Councilman J. Jester presents Police Department relocation proposal which is included and made a part of these Minutes. Council concurs with proposal by Jester.

COUNCIL MEMBER JESTER MAKES MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER SHEPHERD, TO RELOCATE THE HOSCHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN AS DRAWN, WITHOUT EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$2,500 AND A TARGET MOVE-IN DATE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2009.

Motion carries by a 5 - 0 vote with all members voting in favor.

Councilwoman Kenerly asked if the money donated to the City for repairs to the second floor of City Hall could be used for the Police Department relocation expenses.

Mayor Copenhaver addressed Mary Ann Kenerly (Kenerly made the personal donation) asking if using the \$1,000 donation to help pay the relocation expenses was acceptable to her.

Mary Ann Kenerly responded yes.

2. Telephone Ordinance

Mayor Copenhaver states there are no changes to the Telephone Ordinance as previously presented by city attorney Thomas Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULTE MAKES MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER SHEPHERD, TO APPROVE THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED.

Motion carries by a 5 - 0 vote with all members voting in favor.

3. Rights of Way Permit Ordinance

Mayor Copenhaver explains the Rights of Way Permits Ordinance is being reviewed as recommended by GMA after action by State Legislature. Copenhaver states there are no changes to the Rights of Way Permit Ordinances as previously presented by city attorney Thomas Mitchell. Copenhaver asks Council if preferred Ordinance is GMA model or City of Statham model. Council agrees City of Statham ordinance model is more clear and concise.

COUNCIL MEMBER KENERLY MAKES MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN, TO APPROVE THE RIGHTS OF WAY PERMITS ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED.

Motion carries by a 5 - 0 vote with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Federal Flood Insurance Program

City Planner Wistar Harmon puts Mayor and Council on notice that the city of Hoschton does not currently participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. The result of not participating can cause more expensive insurance costs for Hoschton citizens. Harmon will prepare a Resolution for recommendation of approval after adopting specific legislative requirements.

3. October 10, 2009 Concert beer and wine sales

Councilwoman T. Kenerly announces rescheduling, required due to inclement weather, of the Bill Gentry concert will be Saturday, October 10, 2009. Kenerly reports concert events with regard to allowing beer and wine sales will begin at 6:30PM with final call at 9:30PM.

COUNCIL MEMBER KENERLY MAKES MOTION, WITH SECOND BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULTE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ALLOWING WINE AND BEER SALES AT TOWNE CENTER DURING THE CONCERT EVENT ON OCTOBER 10, 2009 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM UNTIL 9:30 PM.

Motion carries by a 5 - 0 vote with all members voting in favor.

Kenerly reports the success of the 2009 Fall Festival event.

ITEMS FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF CONSIDERATION:

Scott Butler, Deer Creek Farms, asks Council how Hoschton came into possession of two Dodge Chargers that are parked at the Hoschton Police Department.

Mayor Copenhaver states they have not been purchased by the City yet but will be upon receipt of the Armentrout settlement proceeds.

Mary Ann Kenerly, Highway 53 Hoschton, asks if the City can impose a fine for the mud problem.

City Planner Harmon states the problem was caused by Jackson County Parks & Recreation and he will contact them the next business day to demand clean-up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourns at 7:37 p.m.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COUNCIL MEMBER GREEN MAKES MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SHEPHERD, TO ADJOURN.

Motion carries 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