

**HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Hoschton Depot

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Copenhagen 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

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

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Kenerly to approve minutes of the October 5, 2009 regular meeting, and the October 26, 2009 called meeting seconded by Councilman Schulte. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There are no additions or changes to the agenda

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Water, Waste, and Environmental Services

Councilman Green states there are no changes from Thursday's work session. He would like to mention that at the work session a question was asked about run-off controls at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He has verified that the silt controls are in place, and no silt is leaving the site. Wistar will get with Nick Hobbs to review the existing controls and make sure there are no problems. John Washington, city engineer, has offered to meet with incoming mayor and council either before or after the swearing in to provide a briefing on city projects from his standpoint.

If new council would like to do that, let Councilman Green know and he will set it up with John Washington.

2. Fiscal Resources

Councilman Jester states that there is an item to be discussed under new business.

3. Public Works and Properties

Councilman Jester stated that the committee did not meet, but will provide an update on the relocation of the police department. Relocation is about a week ahead of schedule. Under Chief's code blue, about a dozen people have responded to either providing supplies or labor. Another item that will be discussed later is the acceptance of donations. Progressive Pest Controls donated \$500 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wilson donated \$50, and the Methodist Church collected \$525. Those funds are not being turned over; they are being used to buy supplies. Thus far, as far as city funds are concerned, we have spent less than \$720. There are a few small items that remain. Most like the amount spent will be \$800-\$850 out of city funds.

4. Public Safety

Councilman Shepherd reported that he has nothing to add from Thursday's report.

5. Planning and Zoning

Councilwoman Kenerly states she has nothing to report.

6. Business, Commerce, and Economic Development

Councilman Schulte reported that there is nothing to add to his report from Thursday. Councilman Schulte would reviews different items that he has brought to the city.

F. ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Copenhaver states there were 5 new business licenses issued in October and 5 building or sign permits issued in October. Expenditures are not available at this time.

G. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

1. Georgia SAVE Program

Thomas Mitchell presented this at Thursday's work session. This provides for enlisting of city benefits where the applicant would have to fill out an affidavit and citizenship would have to be confirmed. Mr. Mitchell recommends that the city adopt this ordinance.

Councilman Jester requests that this be carried over to the December meeting for 2nd read.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amend 2009 & 2010 Budgets

Councilman Jesters reports that there was one change since the work session and that was the finalization of the settlement with Armentrout. We have been operating with the assumption that the amount would be \$725,000. It has been confirmed the amount is \$746,319. We have made the adjustments to it. The new figures are on attached document.

On line 5, the total adjustments decreased by \$35,000. The total amount allocated to the water/sewer fund remains unchanged. The total 2009 adjustment will be making on line 11 decreased from \$279,810 to \$244,810 a decrease of \$35,000. As far as the application of Armentrout funds to the FY2010 Budget, we are increasing the allocation from \$376,262 to \$480,190. It is an increase of \$103,928. The total settlement funds dedicated to waste water purposes amounts to 87% of the amount we will be receiving. The total amount of funds dedicated to non-wastewater purposes decreased from 25% to 13%, or less than \$100,000. As far as the 2010 General fund, the proposal is to reduce the income by \$41,061 (line 24) from \$665,646 to \$624,585. The total expenses were decreased commensurate with that. With an adjustment in the reserve carryover and a decrease of \$45,000 in public safety by deleting the third vehicle for next year, or the new vehicle for next year, which would have been the third vehicle.

In income, line 31 increases by a net of 29% or \$284,538, which brings the adjusted total to \$1,278,982.

Total expenses are all the same.

On line 13, we are allocating \$300,000 to finish the tank conversion and the last phase of the waste -water treatment plant.

In the 2010 SPLOST funds, there are no recommended changes.

In expenses, the capital payment for GEFA Loan #2 is increased by \$10,399 using SPLOST funds, which reduced the carryover.

Line 39, what has been established, is a new budget organization for the operating reserve fund. Carryover is being increased by the amount that was adjusted out of the Armentrout settlement, which is \$56,319. Total

income is being increased by that amount on line 41. Total expenses are commensurate with that. With an adjustment, the carryover to 2011, the decrease in transfer of \$41,061 on line 44 which would have funded the police car, has been deleted. The transfer in the wastewater sewer fund is \$480,190 that represents the \$103,928.

Councilman Jester recommends the amendments be approved and the budget be adjusted, and the adjusted budget be available publicly. Seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Carried with all present voting in favor.

2. Amend Beer/Wine & Distilled Spirits Ordinance to allow later closing and last call times.

Councilwoman Kenerly discusses amending the ordinance to be all week long, Sunday thru Saturday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 am with the last call being at 1:30 am.

Motion made by Councilwoman Kenerly to allow sales of beer/wine or distilled spirits between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 am, Sunday thru Saturday. Seconded by Councilman Green. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

3. Discussion of next steps concerning new City Charter.

Councilman Jester suggests to the new council that this item gets placed on the December council meeting agenda. Councilman Jester offers assistance if needed.

Thomas Mitchell recommends 3 or 4 areas that need modifications made on new charter.

Councilman Jester encourages the new council to check these issues and revisit them.

4. **Acceptance of Resignation of City Clerk, appointment of Acting City Clerk, and appointment of Assistant City Clerk.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Kenerly to accept the resignation of City Clerk Kristen Mahan, appoint Karen Butler as Acting City Clerk, and appoint Teresa Heath as Assistant City Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

5. **Acceptance of Police Donations.**

Chief Howell reports that the Police department received two monetary donations. Richard and Mary Ann Wilson donated \$50, and Progressive Pest Control donated \$500.

Motion made by Councilman Shepherd to accept the monetary donations made to the police department, seconded by Councilman Schulte. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

I. ITEMS FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF CONSIDERATION:

Councilman Jester states that he will not be attending the December work session. He suggests that the work session be used for the new council and mayor to unofficially talk about what their aspirations are and also talk about the following Monday's agenda.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is no need for an executive session.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Schulte to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen K. Butler, Acting City Clerk

Attachments in Minute Book

APPROVED:

William Copenhaver, Mayor

City Clerk