

HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting

January 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Hoschton Depot

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Denney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Council members present	Sandie Romer, Post 1 Jim Higginbottom, Post 2 Richard Shepherd, Post 4 Scott Butler, Post 5 Theresa Kenerly, Post 6
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Absent	Jim Cleveland, Post 3
Acting City Clerk	Karen Butler
City Attorney	Thomas Mitchell
Mayor	Erma Denney

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

December 7, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilwoman Kenerly to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2009 council meeting, seconded by Councilman Shepherd. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Add the following items.

#7. 1st Reading of the 2010 budget amendment.

#8. 1st Reading of the ordinance to eliminate the position of the Hoschton Planning director.

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Councilman Higginbottom. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Water, Waste, and Environmental Services

No report

2. Fiscal Resources

Mayor Denney then goes over the Water/Sewer budget in detail to show the audience what has been worked on and explain each line.

3. Public Works and Properties

No report

4. Public Safety

No report

5. Planning and Zoning

No report

6. Business, Commerce, and Economic Development

No report

G. ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Nothing available

H. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

1. Final Charter review

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to table the Charter update, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Accept resignation of J. Howell

Motion by Councilwoman Romer to accept the resignation of police chief Jeremy Howell, seconded by Councilman Butler. Motion carried with the majority voting in favor.

Voting in favor: Councilwoman Romer, Councilman Butler, and Councilman Higginbottom.

Voting against: Councilwoman Kenerly and Councilman Shepherd.

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2. Accept resignation of J. Hill

Motion by Councilman Butler to approve the resignation of Wastewater operator Johnny Hill, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

3. Approve request for building permit in downtown development district.

Councilman Kenerly explains that this is not zoning change; it is a request for a building permit. The building would have 3 sides brick, and the planning & zoning have approved it, but they would like to see more windows.

Councilwoman Kenerly shows the drawings and asks for discussion.

Councilwoman Romer asks if there has been a study by the DOT for a turn lane? The response is that nothing has been done.

Councilwoman Kenerly states that is building will be next to a historical house. She recommends that it should be down in the industrial park

Tracy Jordan asks if this is something that the city needs. She states that there is another storage facility that is 25% occupied further up the road and wonders if this is something that we need.

Mayor Denney responds that this is a discussion that we can have, but it is not pertinent to our decision.

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to deny the building permit in the downtown development district, seconded by Councilman Butler. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

4. RFP to patch W. Jefferson Street prior to DOT paving from Hwy 53 to Walnut Street.

Motion by Councilman Butler to approve sending out the RFP to patch W. Jefferson Street from Hwy 53 to Walnut Street prior to paving, seconded by Councilwoman Kenerly. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5. **Approval of RFP for waste collection.**

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to use this RFP for waste collection, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

6. **Appointment of Capt. Simmons as Acting Police Chief.**

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to appoint Capt. Simmons to Acting Police Chief, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

7. **1st Reading of the 2010 budget amendment.**

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to waive the 1st reading of the 2010 budget amendment and table, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

8. **1st Reading of the ordinance to eliminate the position of the Hoschton Planning Director.**

Motion by Councilman Butler to waive the 1st reading of the ordinance to eliminate the position of the Hoschton Planning Director, seconded by Councilman Higginbottom. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

I. ITEMS FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF

1. Councilwoman Kenerly requests that the voting in of 2 new members and renewal of members of the planning commission be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilwoman Kenerly to move to Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all in favor at 9:35 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

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Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Kenerly, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Butler

Attachments in the Minute Book

