

**HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Called Council Meeting**

January 13, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
Hoschton Depot

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Denney called the meeting to order at 6:09 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. New Business**

**1. Authorize payment of Rec. Splost to Insulate Depot**

Mayor Denney asks Dianne Blankenship about the previous times that the Depot was insulated.

Mayor Denney states she would like to get estimates on this project.

Councilman Shepherd suggests that there be an RFP to get the work done.

**2. Abandon surplus public safety equipment**

Mayor Denney state that the need to abandon the police cars before they could be put out for bid.

Thomas Mitchell states that any additional items will be on a list and attached to the minutes.

Acting Chief Simmons asks why the money does not go back to the police department budget.

Mayor Denney responds by saying the monies came from a water/sewer case. It is the opinion of the majority of the council that the money should be returned to its rightful place.

Robert McNaughton, asks if all the monies spent incorrectly from water/sewer will be replaced to water/sewer?

Mayor Denney replies that we are correcting the Armentrout settlement that was appropriated outside the water/sewer fund.

**Motion made by Councilman Butler to abandon any surplus public safety equipment and any funds in excess of the 2 Dodge Charges would go into a reserve fund for the police department, seconded by Councilwoman Romer. Motion carried with majority voting in favor.**

Voting in favor were Councilman Butler, Councilman Higginbottom, Councilwoman Kenerly, and Councilwoman Romer.

Voting opposed was Councilman Shepherd.

**E. Old Business**

1. 2010 Budget Amendments

Mayor Denney and Councilman Butler go over in detail the highlighted items from the budget that were in question.

Regarding the water/sewer budget, Councilman Shepherd asks Mayor Denney if there is any discussion about sharing our excess capacity with other parts of Jackson County?

Mayor Denney responds by saying that it is a desire that she has, but until the plant is up to the standards that we want, we would not want to attempt that yet. Once things are situated, we would like to see about that to increase our income.

Regarding the general fund budget, Councilman Shepherd shows the police stats regarding the police department.

Discussion between the council and the citizens of Hoschton regarding the police department.

**Motion made by Councilwoman Romer to approve the amended budget, seconded by Councilman Butler. Motion carried with the majority voting in favor.**

Voting in favor were Councilman Butler, Councilman Higginbottom, Councilwoman Kenerly, and Councilwoman Romer.

Voting opposed was Councilman Shepherd.

2. Ordinance Regarding City Planning Director

Thomas Mitchell explains the ordinance regarding the city planner.

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Councilwoman Romer asks about the time frame of this ordinance. When will it become effective?

Thomas Mitchell states it can be at least 10 days, or a specified date, or what is typically done which is 10 days.

Discussion amongst council members to make this ordinance effective 10 days from adoption.

**Motion by Councilwoman Romer to adopt the ordinance to eliminate the position of the city planner, seconded by Councilman Higginbottom. Motion carried with all voting in favor.**

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None needed

**G: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Butler

**Attachments in the Minute Book**

