

HOSCHTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session

July 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Hoschton City Hall

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Copenhaver

Mayor Copenhaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Mayor William Copenhaver

Richard Green, Post 1

Jim Jester, Post 2

John Schulte, Post 3

Ronald Holcomb, Post 4

Deborah Donaldson, Post 5

James Keinard, Post 6

Cindy R. Edge, City Clerk

Thomas Mitchell, City Attorney

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Motion was made by Holcomb to approve minutes of the June 4, 2007 regular meeting and June 12, 2007 call meeting, seconded by Keinard. Motion carried with all approving.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The following items were placed on the agenda for council consideration and approval:

- 1) Construction Management Contract
- 2) Hydrant Meter Ordinance

E. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RECOGNITION AND AWARDS:

On behalf of Mayor and City Council, Jester recognized Ben Stephens as Fireman of the Year as awarded by the American Legion. Jester further noted Fire Chief Stephens will report on recent changes in the department following a house fire within the West Jackson Fire District. In regard to the house fire, Chief Stephens reported there was a misunderstanding regarding use of fire hydrants within the Jackson County Water Authority service area. Chief Stephens reported this misunderstanding has been corrected and further reported the fire department is now staffed 24/7.

F. PUBLIC INPUT/DISCUSSION:

On behalf of the Hoschton Historical Commission, Dianne Blankenship reported the commission is winding up the commemorative brick sale. Mrs. Blankenship thanked Mayor Copenhaver for representing Hoschton at the recent Jackson County Board of Library Trustees meeting.

G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Water, Waste and Environmental Services R. Green

Green presented a status report regarding current projects and activities. A copy of the report is attached in the official minute book.

In regard to questions regarding the RMA construction management and on-site observation services agreement, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell stated he has looked over the agreement and feels RMA has covered the universal areas that would be anticipated during this project.

Green reported the city continues to operate under a level three water ban, in accordance with JCW&SA regulations. Green noted the JCW&SA have placed even more stringent usage to the level three regulations. Water usage has been restricted to even/odd days from 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m.

2. Fiscal Resources D. Donaldson

No report.

3. Public Works and Properties J. Jester

Jester reported lights have been installed at the City Depot Park. Upon request by Jester, Wistar Harmon reported he has contacted the Jackson County Park & Rec. Dept. regarding removal of the light poles at the park area; Mr. Harmon is continuing to keep communication open with GADOT regarding sidewalks along Hwy. 53 and; the city will be receiving bids for the park parking lot until July 27.

4. Public Safety R. Holcomb

Chief Hill reported the police department is approximately 82% relocated to their new facility and an open house is planned for August 2, 2007.

5. Planning & Zoning J. Keinard

No report.

6. Business, Commerce, and Economic Development J. Schulte

No report.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:

Historical Commission Report D. Blankenship
Economic Development Commission Report K. Hensley
Fall Festival Report B. Copenhaver

I. ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Mayor/ Staff

J. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement R. Green
JCW&SA/City of Hoschton

Green and Mayor Copenhaver met with Eric Klerk regarding assistance at the WWTP. At that meeting a mutual aid agreement was presented for council review.

Motion was made by Green to authorize the Mayor to sign a mutual aid agreement with Jackson County Water & Sewage Authority indicating Hoschton's willingness to participate in the mutual aid agreement, seconded by Donaldson. Motion carried with all approving.

Construction Management Contract with RMA R. Green

Motion was made by Green to authorize the Mayor to sign the RMA construction management over-site contract with the inclusion of comments received from the City Attorney, seconded by Holcomb. Motion carried with all approving.

Hydrant Meter Ordinance
Ordinance Amendment – Section 20-111

R. Green

Motion was made by Green to approve amendment to Section 20-111 of the Hoschton Code of Ordinances regarding use of fire hydrant meters as presented, with additional language to section 2. as follows: ..., and payment of charges for water used, seconded by Jester. Motion carried with all approving.

L. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Dianne Blankenship questioned council's intended use of the rooms vacated by the police department. Mayor Copenhagen reported the rooms will possibly be used by the planning and zoning department.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Holcomb to move to executive session to discuss pending or potential litigation, seconded by Green. Motion carried with all approving. 7:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Holcomb to return to regular session, seconded by Green. Motion carried with all approving. 7:55 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Holcomb to adjourn, seconded by Schulte. Motion carried with all approving. 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy R. Edge
City Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Mayor

Richard Green, Post 1

Ronald Holcomb, Post 4

Jim Jester, Post 2

Deborah Donaldson, Post 5

John Schulte, Post 3

James Keinard, Post 6

Attachments in the Official Minute Book:

Hoschton Business Alliance Report
Committee Report – Water, Waste, and Environmental Services
Ordinance Amendment – Section 20-111
