

State of Alabama }
County of Etowah }
City of Hokes Bluff }

MINUTES OF HOKES BLUFF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m. City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Whitt, Kathy Ellzey, Gary Reeves, Jeff Cheatwood, Michael Elrod, John Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Mike Stallings, Roger Silvey, Robert McWhorter, Sheila Burns

Call to Order

Mayor Reeves called the regular meeting of the Hokes Bluff City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. An invocation was given by Councilmember Cheatwood and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Review/Approve Agenda

Councilmember Whitt made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. There was no question, discussion, or change requested. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Read/Approve Minutes

Councilmember Ellzey made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 03/23/2010 regular Council meeting and pre-Council meeting and the 03/31/2010 special Council meeting and to approve them as written and posted. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was no question, discussion, change, addition, or correction requested. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Accounts Payable

Councilmember Whitt advised that he had reviewed the bills submitted for payment and that all appeared to be in order. He made a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Public Comments

None.

Appointments to Hokes Bluff Water Board

Councilmember Moore made a motion to reappoint both Kenneth Means and Rickey Shields to the Hokes Bluff Water Board for respective six (6) year terms ending March 31, 2016. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was a brief exchange including a question whether the terms of the members of the Water Board and Sewer Board were concurrent or staggered. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Workshop – "Ethics and the Public Official and Employee"

Councilmember Cheatwood made a motion to authorize the payment of registration fees and associated expenses for interested Councilmembers and/or employees to attend a workshop entitled "Ethics and the Public Official and Employee" at the Anniston City Meeting Center on Wednesday, April 28, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Tires for Pickup

Councilmember Ellzey made a motion to purchase a set of tires (approximate cost \$350) plus mounting and balancing, if needed, for the City's 1993 Ford F-150 pickup truck. Councilmember Elrod seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Bagger for Kubota Lawn Tractor

Councilmember Ellzey made a motion to purchase a Kubota Model GCK60-H hopper style grass catcher, blower motor and counter weight kit for the Kubota lawn tractor with the 60" mowing deck from Heavy Machinery & Tractor Company in Albertville at a cost of \$3,665. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Part-time Worker for Summer Mowing Season

The Council has briefly discussed possibly hiring one (1) part-time person to assist with mowing and bush-hogging during the summer months, for about four (4) weeks. The consensus of the Council had been that this should be a 'contract' position with a specific date to begin and end work and specific duties outlined in the contract. The suggested hourly rate was \$8.50/hour for thirty (30) hours/week. Mayor Reeves was to talk with the individual to ascertain his interest before the Council took action.

2010 Pool Season Dates and Admission

Councilmember Moore made a motion to open the City's pool for the 2010 season on the Saturday following the close of school in May and to close the pool for the season on the Sunday prior to the beginning of school in August, to set a daily admission price of \$4/person regardless of age and a season pass price of \$40/person regardless of age, and to contract with Michael Robertson for the operation of the pool for a weekly price of \$1,250 for a period not to exceed twelve (12) weeks. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about possible alternative opening and closing dates for the pool.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows.

Whitt – Yes	Reeves – Yes	Elrod – Yes
Ellzey – No	Cheatwood – Yes	Moore – Yes

The motion was carried.

LWCF Program/Basketball and Tennis Court Fencing Removal

Councilmember Moore made a motion to remove the fencing around the tennis and basketball courts and remove all but one of the basketball goals. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. Members of the Babe Ruth Baseball League had offered to take down and roll up the fencing itself and the City workers would remove the posts and basketball goals except for the one closest to City Hall. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Diving Board for Pool

Councilmember Moore made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,000 to purchase and install a diving board for the City pool from Lancaster Pool. The board would be a ten (10) foot commercial grade diving board with a ½ meter diving stand. The installation will use six (6) inch concrete anchors furnished by the City as quoted by the vendor during 2009. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows.

Whitt – Yes	Reeves – Yes	Elrod – Yes
Ellzey – No	Cheatwood – Yes	Moore – Yes

The motion was carried.

Reports From Standing Committees

Finance and Personnel: Councilmember Whitt had no new information to report.

Parks and Recreation: Councilmember Moore had no new information to report.

Public Works: Sunset Drive Paving Project: Councilmember Ellzey reported that the seasonal limitations should be lifting soon so that work can begin on the Sunset Drive paving project.

CDBG Grant for FY 2010: The CDBG grant applications for FY 2010 will probably be submitted sometime in July. The City plans to apply for funding for the same nine (9) streets included in the application submitted during 2009. Some guidelines for the CDBG program have changed for 2010. There is no longer a match required unless the project is over \$500,000. There is a bonus point category that will be to the City's advantage (20 points).

Facilities and Equipment: Councilmember Cheatwood had no new information to report.

Public Safety: Councilmember Elrod reported that all was good.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

As there was no other business to be discussed at the time, Councilmember Cheatwood made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Hamilton Burns, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer