

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

MINUTES OF HOKES BLUFF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 7:00 P.M. City Hall

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Ellzey

ALSO PRESENT: Noah Davenport, Jacob Entrekin, Charles Smith, Blake O'Dell, Robert McWhorter,
Mitchell Hill, Sheila Burns, and one other person

Call to Order

Mayor Reeves called the regular meeting of the Hokes Bluff City Council to order at 6:59 p.m. An invocation was given by Chief Hill 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 Whitt made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 02/09/2010 regular Council meeting and pre-Council meeting and to approve them as written and posted. Councilmember Moore 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 Moore seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Public Comments

Mayor Reeves recognized Charles Smith. His son, Daniel, had begun work on an accessory building on a lot accessed via Sunset Drive in March 2009. The City had issued a stop work order in May because Mr. Smith had failed to provide proof that he owned the required minimum frontage of 40 feet along a public street. Mr. Smith said he had 31 feet of right-of-way and had purchased 12 additional feet. Mr. McWhorter asked Mr. Smith to contact Tim Copeland with the new information so that Mr. Copeland and Mr. McWhorter could discuss the issue.

Annual Performance Evaluation – Eric Terrell

This was the first presentation of an annual performance evaluation for Eric Terrell, the assistant supervisor of city services. He had worked for the City since February 2008. His supervisor had given him a rating of 'very good.' The evaluation would be presented for action at the next regular Council meeting on March 9, 2010.

Annual Performance Evaluation – Richard Garmon

This was the first presentation of an annual performance evaluation for Officer Richard Garmon. He had worked for the City since January 2007. His supervisor had given him a rating of 'very good.' The evaluation would be presented for action at the next regular Council meeting on March 10, 2010.

Annual Performance Evaluation – Sammy Hayes

This was the first presentation of an annual performance evaluation for Sgt. Sammy Hayes. He had worked for the City since January 2008. His supervisor had given him a rating of 'very good.' The evaluation would be presented for action at the next regular Council meeting on March 10, 2010.

Annual Performance Evaluation – Mitchell Hill

This was the first presentation of an annual performance evaluation for Police Chief Mitchell Hill. He had worked for the City since February 2007. His supervisor had given him a rating of 'very good.' The evaluation would be presented for action at the next regular Council meeting on March 10, 2010.

Beaver Trapping Contract

Councilmember Moore made a motion to authorize Mayor Reeves to re-negotiate the beaver trapping contract with Mr. Hare and to offer to pay up to \$20/beaver for removal. Councilmember Cheatwood seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Aluminum Dog Box

Councilmember Cheatwood made a motion to purchase a gently used aluminum dog box from Access Jewelry & Pawn for \$300 to help with picking up large dogs within the City. Councilmember Elrod and Councilmember Whitt seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Extra Payment on Loan

Councilmember Whitt made a motion to pay an additional \$10,000 on the principal portion of the City's March Wachovia bank loan payment from the balance of the Alagasco gross receipts proceeds. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The motion was carried.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 Budget

Councilmember Cheatwood made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 budget. Councilmember Whitt seconded the motion. There was no question or discussion. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. 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.

Facilities and Equipment: Councilmember Cheatwood reported that a settlement had been reached with Good Hope Fire Apparatus. The City would need to give Good Hope about a week's notice to process our check and release, then prepare the truck for its return. Good Hope was to have the truck road worthy, including having the hose loaded, when fire department personnel arrive to drive it back to Hokes Bluff.

Public Safety: Councilmember Elrod reported that everything was good.

Adjournment

As there was no other business to be discussed at the time, Councilmember Moore a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cheatwood. On voice vote, all voted aye. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Hamilton Burns, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer