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Oakwood OKs sewer to planned King's Hawaiian

Oakwood has approved 2,500 gallons of sewer capacity per day to the planned King's Hawaiian bakery and distribution operation.

The City Council's vote late Tuesday also called for allocating up to 16,000 gallons per day once the operation is at full speed.

The California-based company, which produces dinner rolls, sandwich and snack rolls, and round bread, expects to begin production at its 111,000-square-foot center in the fall, with plans to create 126 new jobs over two years and then an additional 100 jobs around 2015.

The center will be in the Oakwood South Industrial Park off McEver Road. Pattillo Industrial Real Estate will develop the operation.

King's Hawaiian will receive long-term support through nearby Lanier Technical College's Quick Start program, which will provide training customized to the company's own processes and technology.

The company will soon be "submitting building plans," Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown said Wednesday. "We were expecting them this week, but the weather slowed them down."

Once the plans are submitted, permits can be issued for the work to proceed on the new center, he added.

Applicants interested in employment opportunities with King's Hawaiian should register at the Georgia Department of Labor's Gainesville Career Center, officials have said.

Oakwood has long worked to develop a commercial and industrial base in the city.

"The seeds of this new business were planted long ago and have been nurtured with a partnership" between Oakwood, Hall, Pattillo and the chamber, Mayor Lamar Scroggs has said.

"King's Hawaiian is a quality company, and I've been very impressed with their leadership and sense of family values. We are very excited to become a long-term partner for their growth."

In other business Tuesday night, the council approved an agreement with Gainesville-based Morton Vardeman & Carlson to continue providing marketing and public relations services for the city.

The agreement calls for "on-call services" in an amount not to exceed \$6,000, Brown said.

In the past, the city has called on Morton Vardeman to issue certain press releases and to work on its newsletter.

Also, council members named longtime Councilman Montie Robinson as its mayor pro tem. He would serve as mayor if Scroggs is unable to or he is absent from a meeting or event.

Presentations by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce and Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureau were postponed to the council's next meeting in February.