

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Bill Griggs, Mike MacNabb, Tray Hicks, Tony Haynie, Arthur Craft and Billy Ethridge.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager David Aldrich, City Attorney Robert Leverett, Janet Fleming in the absence of City Clerk, Representatives of the Press/Media, and Interested Citizens

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Monday August 7, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 456 E. Howell Street, Hartwell, Georgia. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Johnson, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

City Manager David Aldrich requested that two items be added to the agenda.

- SPLOST Language
- Surplus 2 garbage trucks

Motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Ethridge to add these two items to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the July 3, 2017 regular council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Haynie to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

Following discussion regarding a proposed easement for land owned by the Estate of Shirley McCurley, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to negotiate the specific terms of the easement and enter into an agreement if acceptable. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously, 6 to 0. The landlocked tract sits directly behind the City's Water Treatment Plant. It was understood that the McCurleys obtained an easement from the City in the mid-1970s; however, if a written easement did exist at one time, it was more than likely destroyed when the McCurley home burned several years ago.

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve the request of the Pilot Club for the 12th Annual Depot Day Fall Festival on October 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve a request for a 5k Run for Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness to be held on October 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried unanimously. 6-0

A request from the HCHS Cross Country Booster Club for a permit for "Finish What you Start" 5-K Run on Saturday, September 9, 2017 met with approval with a motion being made by Councilman Haynie and seconded by Councilman MacNabb. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Resolution 08-07-2017, calling for Special Referendum Election on November 7, 2017 was approved with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve Resolution 08-07-2017-1, calling for Municipal General Election on November 7, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Sign Ordinance No. 2017-2 with the addition of an appendix and to include a map. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to approve the Second Amendment to Subscribed Regulatory Compliance Service (SRCS) Agreement, seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Ethridge made a motion to accept the bid from Cedar Farms in the amount of \$87,200 for Oakview Crossing Sewer System Improvement. Councilman MacNabb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0 To be paid out of SPLOST.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to adopt a Resolution for GMA Supplemental Lease for a 2018 Garbage Truck, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0 The Mayor has been authorized to sign all documentation. 5 year financing @ 3.72%. This is a lease to own purchase in the amount of \$142,000.

City Manager, David Aldrich, explained the necessity for the aerator installation and repair at Catechee Golf Club. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Ethridge to purchase a new aerator for \$6,022 vs repairing the old aerator for \$4852. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

2017 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) for Off-System Safety Program met with approval of the Council with a motion being made by Councilman Ethridge and seconded by Councilman Griggs. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hick made a motion to approve reinstatement of agreement with Break Point Consulting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

After consideration for repair of garbage truck #33, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve the repair. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman MacNabb made a motion to approve a Wage Study by the Carl Vinson Institute. Cost of the study will be in the amount of \$12,500. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

As discussion ensued regarding Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), which will be placed on a ballot by Hart County to be voted on during the November 7, 2017 election, it was the recommendation of the City Manager to designate \$523,000 from SPLOST funds for street drains, and \$250,000 for economic development component purposes. A motion was made by Councilman Haynie to accept the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously.

The City Manager reported that RDK Truck Sales had offered to purchase the City's two (2) inoperative garbage trucks at a combined cost of \$9,000.00, and also haul the vehicles away. A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge and seconded by Councilman Griggs to authorize the surplus of the vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Comments:

- Should be back on schedule by the end of the week with pickup of limbs;
- Have completed 40 out of 49 gas services in the area between Harper Drive and Johnson Street.

Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks stated that the city and county were working together on the speed limit on Old Hwy. 29, between light in front of Ingles to Nancy Drive. He also offered congratulations to the Hart County Greater Northeast Georgia Warriors AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) boys' baseball team for being number one state champions, and 5th in the southeast region. Appreciation was also extended to everyone in the community who came out to the "First Saturday" event, and also to all volunteers who helped make this event successful.

There being no further comments or business to come before Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming

