

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 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, Assistant City Manager Jon Herschell, City Attorney Robert Leverett, Deputy Clerk Janet Fleming, Representatives of the Press/Media, and Interested Citizens

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Monday, December 4, 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.

Mayor's Comments:

- Reminded everyone that the Hartwell Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
- Remove Item #11 from the Agenda – Request of Fire Chief for Purchase of Computer Server
- Add Item #17 – Resolution 2017-12-04- Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on the Premises on Sunday, December 31, 2017

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

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Public Hearing at 12:00 noon, the November 6, 2017 Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and the November 6, 2017 regular council meeting a motion was made by Councilman Haynie to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried unanimously. 6-0

Hartwell Downtown Development Authority Director, Henley Cleary gave a detailed end-of-the-year report to the Mayor and Council.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-04, Adoption of the FY 2018 Budget, met with approval with a unanimous vote by the Council. 6-0

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05, Regulating Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on the Premises on Sundays in Licensed Establishments, was presented with action to be taken at the next month's Council Meeting.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No 12-04-17, Declaring Unopposed Candidates for Office of Mayor and Council Member as Duly Elected, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to approve naming street running through Oakview Crossing as Oakview Trail. 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 renewals of 17 beer and wine licenses and 7 beer, wine and distilled spirits licenses. The motion carried unanimously.

6-0

Councilman Haynie made a motion to approve Water Plant Change Order #8 for \$52,197.60, which includes all four filters at the water plant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

Assistant Police Chief, Stan Sayer, made a presentation for the Police Department on Recruitment and Retention. After discussing this matter, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to table this until the January Council meeting and he would like to be informed of costs that would be involved with this. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman MacNabb for the approval to replace both pumps at the Harper Drive Lift Station for a total of \$7,093. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve repair of the WWTP Oxidation Ditch Shaft repair in the amount of \$15,900. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

The Council voted unanimously, 6-0, to set the date for the January council meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with a motion being made by Councilman Craft and seconded by Councilman Haynie.

City Manager Comments:

- Water main on 29 North is in place and testing to be performed this week
- Sewer main on Parkdale is installed
- Sewer main on Carolina St. is installed and crew will begin installing services
- Gas main has been installed on 29 North

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks noted that County Commissioner Ricky Carter was named Commissioner of the year by GMRC
- Hart State Park Environmental Assessment has been signed and the lease is in Washington D.C. to be approved within 30 days
- Reminded everyone to be safe and smart during the Holiday Season

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming
Deputy Clerk

