

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2018

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, City Clerk Janet Fleming, Representatives of the Press/Media, and Interested Citizens

The Oath of Office was administered by City Manager, David Aldrich to Mayor Brandon Johnson, and also to Councilmembers Arthur Craft, Billy Ethridge and Tray Hicks.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Tuesday January 2, 2018 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.

Mayor's Comments:

Housing Authority Appointments: The Mayor stated that Mr. Bill Chafin has resigned and his appointment will end at the end of January. He praised Mr. Chafin for his work and dedication with the Housing Authority. Ms. Rosa Rousey and Mr. Alan Eppinger have been appointed to the board along with Mr. Dorsey Howington who has been reappointed.

Councilman Hicks Made a motion to elect Councilman Tony Haynie as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0. Councilman Haynie asked the Council to consider that Mayor Pro-Tem serve as a one-year term instead of two years. Councilman Haynie also suggested that a councilmember serve a minimum of two years before obtaining the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor asked the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to see how this is managed by other cities.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-05, Regulating Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on the Premises on Sundays in Licensed Establishments. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

WWTP Headworks Analysis and Capacity Assessment in the amount of \$14,810 met with approval with a motion being made by Councilman Ethridge and seconded by Councilman Hicks. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Craft and seconded by Councilman Haynie to approve a Wastewater Pre Treatment Program contract. The cost of this program is about \$1,500 per month for the first six

months and about \$1,100 for each month after, with no cost to the City. This contract will be paid for by the industry users that already have a pre-treatment program in place. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Ethridge made a motion to approve repair to the WWTP Influent Pump #3, with total being in the amount of \$20,221.10. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge and seconded by Councilman MacNabb to have the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump #3 VFD Drive replaced by Pro Pump Solutions in the amount of \$7,315. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

A request from the Water Department to purchase a 2018 ¾ ton F-250 Utility Truck in the amount of \$26,373.28 from Jefferson Motors was approved unanimously 6-0, with a motion being made by Councilman Ethridge and seconded by Councilman Griggs.

Carolina Street Project was updated by City Manager, David Aldrich. Crews have been pulled off until after Christmas and will be back on this job in a week or so, when the weather warms up. DDA Director Henley Cleary has communicated with the store owners with the progress of this project.

Mayor Johnson stated that he signed a document for a pre-application for a \$380,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the revitalization of Depot Street. He also thanked City Manager David Aldrich and Assistant City Manager Jon Herschell for their work in applying for this grant.

After a discussion regarding the previously tabled request to allow five full-time police officers to use their patrol cars as take-home vehicles, the Council unanimously approved these officers to begin using their patrol cars as take-home vehicles with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and second by Councilman Haynie. Additional officers will be evaluated in the next six months.

City Manager Comments:

- 12" Water Main at Oakview Crossing has been relocated and is operational
- Gas Main in same area has also been relocated and is operational
- Filters 3 and 4 at the Water Treatment Plant are completed
- Water Main sounding, which is actually a leak detection, will be performed on about 45 miles of main and will be paid for by GEFA to help minimize unaccounted water loss
- Benson Street 48" storm drain pipe has been installed

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks stated that 230 years ago today, the State of Georgia joined the United States
- Councilman Hicks thanked Mr. Bill Chafin for his dedication and for his years of service as Chairman for the Hartwell Housing Authority.
- He is looking forward to a great 2018

- Councilman Haynie wanted to wish Councilman Griggs the best and also prayers for his upcoming surgery

Mayor Johnson stated that Building Permits and Business Licenses are up for four (4) years in a row and things are looking good in Hartwell.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming
City Clerk