

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2016

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, June 6, 2016 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 City Manager David Aldrich, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Johnson expressed sympathy to City Employee, James Harbin and family, whose wife passed away this morning. The Mayor stated that work continues on the Athens Street sidewalk project. He has also talked with Habitat for Humanity about building the majority of its houses in the city limits and utilizing the City's dilapidated housing policy. Mayor Johnson stated that he had received several complaints about the quality of the road that leads to Quality Inn and asked City Attorney, Rob Leverett, to check on the ownership of the road. Councilman Ethridge stated that he had once owned this property and the road belongs to Quality Inn, and it is their responsibility to keep up the road.

Mayor Johnson read a Proclamation of the Hartwell Lions Club, honoring and recognizing the Club's contributions throughout their 65 years of service to the community.

Mayor Johnson also read a Proclamation for the National Garden Club, proclaiming June 5-9, 2016 as National Garden Club Week.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft and seconded by Councilman Haynie to remove item #8, Audit Report, from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, 6 to 0.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously, 6-0.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Nicki Meyer requested that the City Council pass an ordinance allowing Sunday alcohol sales by the drink or the referendum be put on the November ballot. City Attorney Rob Leverett stated that there would have to be a referendum and there are a lot of legalities associated with putting this on the ballot as a referendum. Also, the City and the Hart County Board of Elections do not have an agreement for the elections. An elections agreement has to be approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Griggs to appoint Dennis White and Rebecca Metzger to the DDA Board. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Ethridge made a motion to have the sewer camera repaired by Atlas Inspection Technologies for \$5,407.04. Seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to approve a proposed water main upgrade for Sanders Street in the amount of \$13,919.10. Seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Haynie made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Hart County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft to accept a quote in the amount of \$19,115 from Marico, Inc. for large industrial meters for the Gas Department. Seconded by Councilman Griggs and passed unanimously, 6-0.

The Mayor and City Council presented a proposed design for a new City Logo that was designed by Archway Partnership. The proposed logo displays a creative use of the word "Hartwell" to represent the Hartwell Dam, and wavy lines that represent the lake. There was no action taken on the logo.

Due to the July 4th holiday, Councilman Craft made a motion to set the date for the July City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously, 6-0.

City Manager Comments:

- The Johnny Street Sewer Project has been completed
- The dam at the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been completed
- Cedar Creek Farms has completed sidewalk project
- Sidewalk project is continuing on Athens St.
- Gas Department is replacing mains and repairing leaks that were discovered during the leak survey
- Removal of campaign signs – 90% have been removed.

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks asked everyone to remember on this D-DAY the 9,000+ that lost their lives during WWII
- Councilman Griggs encouraged everyone to attend the Georgia Power Retail Strategies Summit on June 7, 2016 at the Lonnie Burns Fine Arts Center.

At this time Council adjourned into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.

Following the executive session, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to adjourn the executive session and enter back into regular session at approximately 8:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to deny the claim made by Tammy Frye. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously, 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming

