

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 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, June 5, 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 City Manager David Aldrich, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to amend the agenda as follows: add discussion of housing as part of item #5; add discussion of real estate in executive session; add appointment of Deputy Marshall/Levyng Officer as item #14; Webb Street sewer update as item #15, and; Lake Hartwell Shrine Club as item #16. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously.

### Mayor's Comments:

- Mayor Johnson welcomed the Pine Tree Garden Club, and with the signing of a Proclamation, he stated that June 4 – 11, 2017 is National Garden Week. The Mayor commended the Garden Club's efforts for the beautification of areas in the city.
- Resurfacing is to begin in late July on the main street through town from the old Bells shopping center to Home Depot. Work will be done from 7 p.m. – 7-a.m. This resurfacing will be done by GDOT.
- Captain D's Restaurant is coming to Hartwell due to efforts made by Retail Strategies.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular council meeting and the May 26, 2017 called meeting, a motion was made by Councilman MacNabb to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously, 6-0.

Anna Strickland, Archway Professional, discussed a new Hartwell development guide, which includes demographic and portfolio information for business development within the city and county. Councilman Hicks commented that approximately 1,700 more housing opportunities would be needed in the city and county over the next 3 to 5 years, and he would like to see a committee formed to help plan for growth to make sure that any additional housing would not have a negative impact on citizens and their current locations. Mayor Johnson stated that he would speak with Archway and others for assistance.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie and seconded by Councilman MacNabb to appoint Councilman Tray Hicks as voting delegate regarding GMA's Risk Management & Employee Benefit Services. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Craft made a motion to appoint Councilman Tray Hicks as voting delegate for GMA's Annual Membership Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Ethridge to ratify the recent purchase of gas pipe from Utilities Supply in the amount of \$8,040 for the North Forest Avenue project. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Griggs made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Charger Patrol car in the amount of \$22,775.00 from Ed Murdock Superstore, Lavonia. Motion seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie and seconded by Councilman Craft to authorize City Manager David Aldrich and Public Works Director Dennis White to seek bids for a new garbage truck and also to check into how a lease program would work. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve a request of Hartwell DDA for a Temporary Alcohol Permit for Dancin' on Depot Event on June 23, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Craft made a motion to approve a request of Hart County Regional Arts Center for a Temporary Alcohol Permit for First Saturday Event on August 5, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the application of Hannah Whitsel for License for Beer/Wine & Distilled Spirits for Wicked Bacon Foods, LLC (dba Bobbers & Beer Family Steak House) located at 1541 Anderson Hwy., Suite E. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to appoint Audrey Segars as Deputy City Marshall/Levying Officer for sale of property regarding delinquent property tax. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman MacNabb, and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager all flexibility needed to complete the Webb Street sewer line project. Mayor Johnson stated that the street would be shut down to thru traffic but would be accessible to locals. The Department of Transportation (DOT) will be working with the city on re-routing traffic, and will also be assisting in street resurfacing once the sewer line project is complete. The City Manager stated that he expected the sewer project to be complete in less than three weeks, weather permitting.

Members of the Lake Hartwell Shrine Club were present at the City Council meeting, with questions regarding the Solicitation Ordinance that was recently passed by the Hartwell City Council. Spokesperson for the Shriners, Chad James, asked the council for possible reconsideration on specifics of the ordinance. Mayor

Johnson told the members of the Shriners that it would be beneficial for them to meet with Chief of Police Anthony Davis to discuss the ordinance.

City Manager Comments:

- City Manager David Aldrich presented an informative slideshow highlighting on-going city-wide projects, including the upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant and Oakview Crossing.

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks commended all volunteers of the community and encouraged others in the community to get involved if they wished to do so. He also reported that the City was very close to having an acceptable lease with the Corps of Engineers regarding Hart State Park.
- On a personal note, Councilman Griggs announced that 46 years ago on this date he married his wife, and felt he was a pretty lucky guy.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Ethridge, to deny the claim regarding potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

No action was taken on the matter of Real Estate discussion.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to accept the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board's recommendation to hire the DDA Executive Director as a City Employee. The DDA Executive Director would report directly to the City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming

