

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 5, 2018

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

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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Monday March 5, 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 Johnson requested that items be added to the agenda; Housing Discussion, Video Server quotes and Partnership with Hart County High School Career Academy. A motion was made by Councilman Griggs to add the items to the agenda, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 5-0

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman MacNabb to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 5-0

Archway Professional, Anna Strickland presented a very informative commentary about Archway and their many accomplishments. This year celebrates 10 years of Archway. Ms. Strickland thanked everyone for the continued support.

Councilman MacNabb made a motion to approve the request of the Memorandum of Understanding 2019 Hart County Archway Partnership Agreement in which the City's financial contribution is \$12,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 5-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve the request for a Temporary Alcohol Permit for the Hartwell Kiwanis Club, Inc. Casino Night Fund Raiser for April 14, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Benson Street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 5-0

The City Council was presented with the First Reading of the Protected Historical Business Overlay District. This is created to avoid continuing encroachment of the historic downtown business district. After an in-depth discussion, it was noted that the Council will hear the second reading at the next regular council meeting in April.

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve the route for the BRAG bike ride for Saturday, June 9, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Councilman MacNabb made a motion to approve the request of the New Policy Requirements regarding GCIC. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. 5-0

Mayor Johnson initiated a discussion regarding the sidewalk at Carolina and Depot Street. Preliminary drawings for improvements to the sidewalk were displayed. Councilman Hicks made a motion to allow the City Manager to obtain Engineering Design and specs and to move forward acquiring bids for the project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 5-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve the request for closure of Carolina Street in front of CVS on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 5-0

Councilman Tray Hicks and Councilman Bill Griggs were appointed to assist in ongoing discussions with other community participants to deal with the city's concern with the lack of housing.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to accept the low bid from ACG Solutions in the amount of \$7,686.63 for a Video Server. Motion died due to lack of a second. Councilman Griggs made a motion to accept the bid from HTC in the amount of \$9,664.98 since they are a local "Hometown" business. Motion was seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried 4-1, with Councilman Hicks opposing.

A partnership with the Hart County High School Career Academy for a full inventory of the city's 70-plus computers was approved with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman MacNabb. The project is estimated to be a maximum of up to an 80-hour task. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

City Manager, David Aldrich stated that Webb Street will be closed on March 13 and 14 for work to be done by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the railroad for the installation of new rail lines. Cutting and repair of sidewalks will be done by the city after the work on new rail lines is complete.

There being no further comments or business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming
City Clerk

