

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 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, October 3, 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 Mayor Johnson, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular council meeting, and the September 19, 2016 Special called meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Haynie to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve the request of the Pilot Club for Annual Depot Day Fall Festival on October 22, 2016. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Craft made a motion to approve a request for a 5k Run for Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness to be held on October 22, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. 6-0. Councilman Hicks stated that he was impressed with the route chosen for the run that no major highways would have to be closed.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-05, Establishing Liberty Circle Area as an Enterprise Zone met with approval with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve the request of the Hartwell Service League for a temporary alcohol permit for a fund raiser for the Annual Nancy Hart Foundation on October 20, 2016 at the Teasley House from 7 – 10 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman MacNabb made a motion to approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$11,903.10 for the Fire Department, seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to accept the quote for a ground penetrating radar for utility locating from Consolidated Pipe and Supply in the amount of \$11,625.00, seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Craft made a motion to accept the quote from Jefferson Motors, for a 2017 4WD Ford 2 door pickup truck for the Gas Department in the amount of \$26,099.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie to approve a pump replacement at Springs Lift Station in the amount of \$15,930.00, from Monumental Equipment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

A wasting pump replacement at the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$14,669.00 from Monumental Equipment was approved with a motion being made by Councilman MacNabb and seconded by Councilman Ethridge. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0 Councilman Haynie stated it would be interesting to see how many pumps that the City has.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the City Manager, a Chevrolet Impala in the amount of \$21,627.60, seconded by Councilman Ethridge. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Hicks opposing. Councilman Hicks felt there should be a breakdown on vehicles before they are purchased in the future.

Councilman Hicks stated that Hart State Park will hopefully be opened by spring. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources agreed to sign a 50 year lease with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the park and then sublease the property to the City of Hartwell.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman MacNabb to set dates for public hearings of the FY2017 budget. They are November 7 at 6 p.m., November 17 at 6:00 p.m., if needed) and December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0 The council also will schedule a work session to meet with department heads regarding the 2017 budget.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve a temporary Alcohol Permit for the Hart County Humane Society for a fundraising event at High Cotton Music Hall on November 5 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Haynie to adjourn into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss real estate pertaining to Cateechee Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0 No action was taken. Executive session was adjourned back into the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m., with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

City Manager Comments:

- 189' of sidewalk has been completed on Athens Street
- Problem fire hydrants have been replaced

- Concrete walls and floor have been poured at the WWTP, equipment has been ordered and will be in by the end of October
- Bids have been opened for the Water Treatment Plant Project; recommendation will be presented to council at next meeting.
- Leaf Truck will begin operating by the end of October

Mayor Johnson read a letter from Gary Cobb commending Hartwell Police Officer, Ryker Fleming, while off duty, for helping him after he had a tire blow-out. Mayor Johnson stated Fleming is a representative of the high quality of officers in the Police Department

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks apologized to council for not having his spreadsheet available prior to meeting.
- Councilman Hicks also reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to remind everyone about the importance of Prostate Cancer Screenings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming

CITY OF HARTWELL
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
October 3, 2016

The City of Hartwell Mayor and Council adjourned the regular council meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. on October 3, 2016 and entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential real estate pertaining to Cateechee Golf Course. Present were Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Arthur Craft, Mike MacNabb, Tony Haynie, Billy Ethridge, Bill Griggs, and Tray Hicks. Also present were City Attorney Robert Leverett, City Manager David Aldrich, and Janet Fleming.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to adjourn the executive session and enter back into regular session at approximately 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously. 6-0

Respectively submitted,

Janet Fleming