

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 19, 2011

A special called meeting was held by Hartwell City Council on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the council chambers of city hall with all members present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Jennifer Scott, who stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss wholesale water rates and to discuss the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement.

In discussing wholesale water rates, Councilman David Little stated he felt City Manager David Aldrich had come up with a good alternate in offering the best rate to the Hart County Water Authority for purchase of water. In a memo to Mayor Scott, Mr. Aldrich outlined a proposed rate per 1,000 gallons of water consumption by the Hart County Water Authority if the Authority chooses to purchase water from the City of Hartwell. Councilman Tray Hicks stated that he also felt this was a good plan but was more concerned with territory. Councilman Little remarked that this proposed plan would open up territory. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to accept the proposed plan and present the City Manager's proposal letter to the Water Authority, with the plan to be effective January 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Councilman Arthur Craft and carried unanimously. As Councilman Billy Ethridge stated that the citizens needed to hear the proposed rates, the City Manager reported the following wholesale water rates to be offered to the Water Authority, based on monthly consumption:

0	-	500,000 gallons	\$2.75 per thousand gallons
500,001	-	3,000,000 gallons	\$2.40 per thousand gallons
3,000,001	-	5,000,000 gallons	\$2.05 per thousand gallons
5,000,001	-	7,000,000 gallons	\$1.95 per thousand gallons
7,000,001	-	ABOVE	\$1.75 per thousand gallons

Mr. Mike MacNabb, member of the Hart County Water Authority, felt the proposed plan was a fair plan for both parties, and stated that he would be glad to take the City Manager's proposal letter to the Authority board meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. this date.

As discussion began regarding the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Agreement, a motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to approve the SDS Agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft. Councilman Hicks stated that he felt the SDS had still not been met and he would be objecting to the agreement. When asked by Councilman Little what part had not been met, Councilman Hicks commented that it was more of a territory issue. Councilwoman Sarah Mayfield noted that duplicate lines did exist in certain locations and the City may want to pay more attention to that in going forward since the purpose of the Service Delivery Strategy was to try to correct those kinds of situations. As the vote was called, motion carried 5 to 1, with Councilman Hicks opposing.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Little to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk