

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
May 15, 2012

A special called meeting was held by the City of Hartwell Mayor and Council on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in the council chambers of city hall with all members present except Councilmember Mike MacNabb. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennifer Scott at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Scott stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the phone system for the new city hall.

As Councilman Tony Haynie began discussion regarding the lease or purchase of a new phone system from Ansley Communications, he stated that it was understood that a lease would cost approximately \$105,000 for the first five years. Mr. Don Ansley of Ansley Communications replied that the lease rate of approximately \$1700.00 per month would remain the same for an additional five-year lease.

In response to a question by Mayor Scott regarding legal concerns of City Attorney Rob Leverett, Attorney Leverett stated that for the most part, his concerns regarding the lease agreement had basically been addressed by Ansley Communications Group, Inc. and Great American Leasing Corporation. He felt the only legal issue still remaining with him was the indemnification provision. He further commented that in his own mind, as well as voiced by other members of council, he wished to know the advantage of a lease.

In discussing warranties and a service agreement, Mr. Ansley stated that the contract included a full one-year warranty on labor and equipment.

Following considerable discussion, Councilman Haynie made a motion to purchase the new phone system at a cost of \$52,119.64 rather than lease, and also allow City Manager David Aldrich and Councilman Tray Hicks to negotiate a service agreement with Ansley Communications and bring back before Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman David Little and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner  
City Clerk

