

PUBLIC HEARING
December 1, 2014

The Hartwell City Council held a public hearing on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the council chambers of city hall, 456 E. Howell Street, Hartwell, with all members present. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Brandon Johnson, who stated that this was the second and final hearing regarding the City's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget.

As City Manager David Aldrich reported on details of the proposed budget, he stated that one change had been added to the proposed budget, changing from 3-person part-time seasonal employees in the Street Department to two (2) full-time permanent employees in this department.

The City Manager further explained that a 3% salary increase for city employees was included in the proposed budget. Also, water-sewer rates would increase by 4%, which are still lower than some of the surrounding areas. Department budgets were reduced from the requests submitted by each department.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director also is to receive health insurance under the City's health insurance plan.

Mayor Johnson stated that the City was able to keep the tax millage rate the same as last year at 11.3. He also thanked Council for bringing the DDA Director under the City's health insurance plan.

The City Manager added that if Council approves the proposed 2015 budget, a copy will be placed at city hall for review and also at the Hart County Library.

There being no further comments or discussion, the hearing was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk