

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 500 E. Howell Street, Hartwell, Georgia, with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennifer Sudderth. Following the invocation given by City Manager David Aldrich, everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Sudderth read a proclamation honoring Patriots Day on April 19, 2010. The proclamation was then presented to Ms. Sara Lesseur, portrayer of Nancy Morgan Hart, Georgia's most acclaimed female participant during the Revolutionary War, and also the namesake of Hartwell/Hart County.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to add an item to the agenda regarding census. Councilman Hicks urged all citizens to take part in the "March to the Mailbox" census drive on Saturday, April 10th, around the courthouse square beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the drive is to make citizens aware of the importance of sending in their census forms. T-shirts will also be given to the first 150 people to participate in this event.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously to add another item to the agenda concerning a request from Hart Life. As requested by Hart Life Pregnancy Care Center Director Tammy Frye, a motion was made by Councilman Little to approve a two-mile "Step Up" Walkathon Fundraiser by Hart Life to be held on May 15, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Benson Street from Quality Foods parking lot to the Skelton House Bed and Breakfast and returning to Quality Foods. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Mr. Randall Townley of the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute recognized Police Officers Ginger Powell and Sharod Blackwell for completing a training program by the Institute, making Hartwell Police Department a certified child passenger fitting station. Citizens may bring child safety seats to the Hartwell Police Department during normal business hours for a free fitting of the car seats. Mr. Townley also presented the Police Department with a "Welcome" sign, announcing that the Department was a Certified Child Passenger Fitting Station.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Hartwell Downtown Development Authority for the annual events during 2010, as follows: Dancin' on Depot June 25th, Arts in hARTwell Festival September 25th, Mayor's Monster Mash late October, and Tree Lighting Festival November 23rd.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a request from NAACP President Randy Combs, asking for permission to hold an event on April 24th on Savannah Street, between College Avenue and Rome Street, during the hours of

11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The event will include voter registration, gospel singing, pony rides, and selling of hot dogs and fish dinners.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield, and carried unanimously to approve a request from James Dan Hill for a beer/wine license at Hill's G & T Sports Bar.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Community Affairs concerning the WaterFirst Program Renewal.

A motion was made by Councilman Little to appoint City Manager David Aldrich as Voting Delegate on Municipal Gas Authority's Election Committee, and Gas Superintendent Audie Laviolette as Alternate Voting Delegate. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ethridge, and carried unanimously to accept the low bid of \$41,697.50 from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc. for natural gas pipeline materials.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to accept the low bid of \$55,450.00 from Snyder Electric Company for upgrade of the Jailhouse Lift Station electrical control panel. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

Councilman Little encouraged Mayor and Council to attend the Georgia Municipal Association Listening Session to be held in Lavonia, Georgia on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lavonia Cultural Center. Councilman Little remarked that he had found these listening sessions to be very informative.

Councilman Little also reported that the City Manager and City Attorney had worked very hard in coming up with the wording for the City's Request for Qualifications for the proposed new city hall, which would be advertized during the coming week.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk