

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Arthur Craft, Mike MacNabb, Bill Griggs, Tony Haynie, and Billy Ethridge. Others present included City Manager David Aldrich, City Clerk Jean Turner, City Attorney Robert Leverett, Representatives of the Media/Press, and Interested Citizens.

ABSENT: Councilmember Tray Hicks

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the council chambers of city hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Following the invocation given by City Manager David Aldrich, Mayor Johnson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 2, 2015 council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously.

A Proclamation was read by the Mayor, proclaiming April 7, 2015 as "National Recognition Day" in recognizing citizens who voluntarily serve and give back to their communities. Ms. Patricia Warner, Director of Hart Partners/CIS of Hart County, Inc., explained the role of AmeriCorps Vista participants, stating that AmeriCorps had worked through their organization since 1999 in helping with tutoring, mentoring of students, as well as fund-raising events and training volunteers. Also, on behalf of AmeriCorps Vista, constituents and volunteers of Hartwell and Hart Partners/Communities in Schools, and the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS), Ms. Elizabeth Teasley presented Mayor Johnson with a framed "Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service Award" for his service, leadership, and dedication to the community.

Mr. James Fulghum of American Legion Post 109 requested that Council allow the placement of a flag disposal box to be placed in the grass median between the street and the parking lot adjacent to city hall on Howell Street. Mr. Fulghum explained that the proposed area for the drop box would provide easy access, safety, and visibility. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman MacNabb to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie, seconded by Councilman Griggs, and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Service League for the annual Pre-4th event to be held on June 27, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman MacNabb, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for street closing for the annual "Dancin' on Depot" scheduled for June 26, 2015.

Downtown Development Authority Director Henley Cleary presented Mayor and Council with a quarterly update of DDA activities. Ms. Henley also presented a new marketing brochure on "How to Start a Business in Historic Hartwell." The new brochure was prepared with the assistance of Archway.

A motion was made by Councilman MacNabb, seconded by Councilman Haynie, and carried unanimously to approve revised detailed Police Department Policies & Procedures.

A motion was made by Councilman Griggs to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve the rezoning of property located at 108 East Franklin Street from R-1 (Residential) to B-2 (General Business District), as requested by Robert M. Glenn, Jr. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve Resolution No. 04-06-15 in support of the proposed Chandler Trace 64-unit family rental apartment development located on Chandler Street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried 4 to 1, with Councilman Mike MacNabb opposing. Councilman MacNabb stated that when he previously voted to rezone this property, the property was to be developed for multi family-owned, condominium type apartments, but the proposed rental apartments would probably affect his and his neighbor's property. As Ms. Mary Gidley posed the question if this was the same property that was to previously have restaurants also, and now the concept

is being changed, the Mayor stated that it was. Councilman Griggs informed Ms. Gidley that this new development would be by the same person who developed Juniper Court, located on Nancy Drive.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie, seconded by Councilman Griggs, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 04-06-15-1 regarding Community Development Block Grant-Employment Incentive Program (CDBG-EIP) funding for a prospective new business in the Hart County Industrial Park. City Manager David Aldrich explained that the application for funding would be made by the Industrial Building Authority and the County. As the sewer provider for the property, the City would be responsible for treating the effluent from the business.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously to accept the low bid of \$334,500.00 from B & M Excavating for the Johnny Street sewer upgrade project.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie, seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding as a participant with the University of Georgia Archway Partnership program.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman MacNabb, and carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$10,194 from Cole Pump Technology for a Goulds reuse pump for the City's wastewater treatment plant.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Griggs, and carried unanimously to accept the proposal from QS/1 Data Systems for a new server for the City's computer network system in the amount of \$7,655.56, plus maintenance fee of \$2,302.20. As explained by the City Manager, the space on the current server can't maintain additional loads. It was noted that funding for this proposal would come out of the Technology Fund.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft, seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously to approve the Annexation Ordinance for Lakeside Food Mart.

As discussion ensued regarding restrictions on large truck traffic on Highland Avenue, a motion was made by Councilman Haynie, seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously to grant the Hartwell Police Department the ability to write tickets for violators of the restrictions. As stated by Assistant Police Chief Stan Sayer, a fine for a violation could be up to \$1,000.00. It was noted by the Mayor that a sign stating "No thru traffic over 6 wheels" had already been placed at Highland Avenue. The Mayor also understood that the Police Department would be sending a letter to Tenneco Automotive asking that they inform their truck drivers of the restriction.

Hart Youth Development Resource Association (HYDRA) Program Director Catrina Hicks addressed Mayor and Council, requesting the City's support of the third annual Lake Hartwell Music Festival, by offering in-kind services such as providing trash receptacles. The Music Festival is planned for May 23, 2015 at the Long Point Recreation Area off Old Hwy. 29, with food, crafts, and local bands. A motion was made by Councilman Haynie, seconded by Councilman Griggs, and carried unanimously to approve the request for support through in-kind services. Ms. Hicks also gave a report on all programs offered through HYDRA.

Councilman Craft reported that two abandoned houses were removed during the past week and he wished to give a shout-out to Public Works Director Dennis White and the Street Department for their assistance.

Councilman Griggs announced that City Attorney Rob Leverett had been chosen as the Business of the Month in the City of Elberton.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk