

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2010

The Hartwell City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall with all council members present. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Jennifer Scott (formerly Sudderth.)

In the absence of Mayor Scott, Mayor Pro Tem Sarah Mayfield called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Following the invocation given by Councilman David Little, everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to add two items to the agenda: setting the date for the next regular council meeting, and approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Special Local Option Sales Tax. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously to add these items to the agenda.

Councilman Craft moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with a correction to the meeting date from July 5, 2010 to July 6, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously to adopt the minutes with the date correction.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Michelle Dipert presented an update of completed events, upcoming projects, as well as on-going community events promoted by the Chamber. Ms. Dipert also reported that applications were currently being accepted for the Leadership Hart Program until August 27, 2010. Nominations are also requested by August 13, 2010 for the 2011 Chamber Board of Directors.

Council also heard a report from Hart County Tourism and Special Event Coordinators Anna Burch and Kiera Partlow. Upcoming tourism projects include representing Hartwell and Hart County at the Triple Crown Watercross event on Lake Hartwell, working with the Historic Preservation Commission regarding historic tours, and promoting fishing tournaments at the new Mega Ramp. They will also be attending the Governor's Tourism Conference in Athens this month.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a request from Hart Life Pregnancy Care Center for a parade permit for the annual Life Chain to be held October 3, 2010. The event will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in front of the Northeast Georgia Bank on Franklin Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Little, and carried unanimously to approve a change order request from Classic Center Utility, Inc. for an additional \$7,000 for materials, labor, and installation of service tees, EFV's and short service pipe segments at designated locations along the newly installed gas main. The revised contract total with this addition is \$239,925.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously to approve a request for natural gas line extension to service 14 poultry houses on Liberty Church Road.

Upon recommendation of the Downtown Development Authority Executive Board, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to reappoint Mr. Steven Mouchet as a member of the DDA Board for a 4-year term to expire July 31, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to table a recommendation by the Economic Development Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft to set the date for the next regularly scheduled council meeting for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. due to Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> being the Labor Day holiday. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously.

Following a brief explanation by County Attorney Walter Gordon, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Hart County and the Cities of Bowersville, Canon and Royston regarding Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST IV.) Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. Subject to approval by voters in the November 2, 2010 election, this Agreement should take effect beginning on April 1, 2012 for a 6-year period, terminating on March 31, 2018. The current SPLOST III terminates on March 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ethridge, and carried unanimously to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session at approximately 7:35 p.m. to discuss real estate.

Following the executive session and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted...

Jean Turner  
City Clerk