

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennifer Scott.

The Oath of Office was administered to newly-elected council members Tony Haynie and Mike MacNabb by City Manager David Aldrich.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag, everyone paused for a moment of silence, after which the invocation was given by Rev. Lonnie Bennett of the Hartwell Church of God.

Mayor Scott welcomed the new members of council and wished everyone a happy new year.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 5, 2011 public hearing, a motion was made by Councilman David Little to approve as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Arthur Craft and carried unanimously.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 5, 2011 regular council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to approve as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Billy Ethridge and carried unanimously.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 19, 2011 called meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Little to approve as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously.

In discussing quotes received for replacement of guide rails at the Cedar Creek Pump Station, the City Manager explained that there was quite a disparity between the two bids, with J.L. Construction Co., Inc. quoting \$21,950 and Allsouth Constructors, Inc. quoting \$9,792. The City Manager stated that after going over with the low bidder the itemized step-by-step work to be completed, to make sure they understood everything they were quoting, he felt comfortable in going with the low bid. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to accept the low bid of \$9,792 from Allsouth Constructors, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Tony Haynie and carried unanimously.

The City Manager explained that the volumetric feeder for fluoride malfunctioned at the water treatment plant in November and the Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA) and Environmental Protection Division (EPD) recommended that a new fluoride feed system be installed rather than repair. In obtaining quotes for the new system, the cost for a system identical to the one that has served the City over 18 years is \$12,420, which is a Siemens/Wallace & Tierman unit. Further, GRWA has agreed to fund this system through grant money from the Georgia Department of Public Health. The City Manager reported that GRWA and EPD also highly recommended that the City install a new scale and monitoring system for the new feeder system. Quotes were received for a new scale and monitoring system, with the lowest quote from Water Treatment & Controls in the amount of \$5,612.25. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to accept the quote from Water Treatment & Controls in the amount of \$5,612.25. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Haynie, and carried unanimously to approve a Builders Risk Insurance Policy with Franklin Insurance Agency in the amount of \$8,748 annual premium. The City Manager explained that this was necessary and in compliance with the contract agreement for construction of the new city hall.

Mayor Scott asked for nominations by Council members for the selection of Mayor Pro Tem to act on her behalf in the event she had to be absent. Councilman Ethridge nominated Councilmember David Little as Mayor Pro Tem due to Mr. Little having served the longest term on Council and, as in the past, the longest serving councilmember has been chosen as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Tray Hicks was nominated by Councilman Craft to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. As the Mayor called for a vote by show of hands for the nomination of Councilman Little, voting in favor of this nomination were Councilmen Ethridge, Haynie, and MacNabb, with Councilmen Little and Hicks abstaining and Councilman Craft opposing. As the vote was called by a show of hands for those in favor of Mr. Hicks, motion failed, with Councilman Craft in favor, Councilman Hicks abstaining, and opposing were Councilmembers Haynie, Ethridge, Little, and MacNabb. It was so noted that Councilman Little would serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no further business to become before Council, a motion was made by Councilman Craft to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk