

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall with all members present except Councilmember Sarah Mayfield. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennifer Sudderth who asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. The invocation was delivered by City Manager David Aldrich.

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

As Memorial Day was observed on Monday, May 31st, Mayor Sudderth asked that everyone take a moment to recognize all Hart County veterans and urged all citizens to go out of their way when meeting a veteran, by shaking their hand and thanking them for sacrifices made for all citizens.

City resident Greg Ayers complained of parking problems at the apartments on Johnson Street, explaining that site distance was the biggest problem due to parked cars along the street at the apartments. The City Manager reported that upon his recommendation and that of the Police Chief and Public Works Director, two parking spaces were removed and two crepe myrtle trees were moved to try to gain site distance. Mr. Ayers stated that this did not eliminate the problem and suggested that two more stop signs be placed at each intersection on Richardson and Johnson Streets to make it a 4-way stop, and the removed parking spaces be added back since parking spaces were limited at the apartments. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to table the issue until next month for further evaluation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously.

Upon recommendation of the City Manager and Gas Superintendent, a motion was made by Councilman Little to approve gas line extension to serve six (6) poultry houses located on Woodland Way, and four (4) poultry houses located on Bowman Hwy., both properties owned by Gerald Rice. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve rezoning of property of Dale Bannister located at the intersection of Leard and Chandler Streets from R-1 to B-2, General Business District. Councilman Little explained that the proposed use for this property was for a new animal hospital. Motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Little, and carried unanimously to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to approve a side yard setback variance at 220 Athens Street as requested by Ms. Kathryn Pfaender.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to add to the agenda a fundraiser request by the Hartwell Fire Department. Motion was amended by Councilman Hicks to also add to the agenda the annual audit report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to authorize the City Fire Department to conduct a Boot Drive on Saturday, June 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the intersections of Franklin Street and Forest Avenue and Howell Street and Forest Avenue, with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

City Auditor Lloyd Williamson presented the City's 2009 audit report. Mr. Williamson reported that the letter of transmittal Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the audit was still being completed by the City Manager and Finance Officer and would be inserted in the financial report sent to the Department of Audits and Governmental Finance Officers Association. He reviewed each fund balance and reported that no City departments exceeded their budgets.

A motion was made by Councilman Craft, seconded by Councilman Hicks, and carried unanimously to set the next regularly scheduled council meeting for Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 p.m. due to the July 4th holiday observed by the City on Monday, July 5th.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Little to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk