

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 1, 2010

The Hartwell City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2010 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 Sudderth.

Following the invocation delivered by City Manager David Aldrich, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 1, 2010 council meeting, a motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Councilman Tray Hicks strongly emphasized the importance to the community of having the correct information on upcoming census forms, and encouraged all citizens to properly complete the forms when they are received from the Census Bureau.

The City Manager explained that the City had been awarded a grant through the U. S. Forestry Service and Georgia Forestry Commission, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus finds,) in the amount of \$20,000 for tree planting. He stated that he had been working with Hart County Extension Coordinator Charles Rice and Mr. Gary White of the Georgia Forestry Commission in determining the type trees to be placed in the City's public rights-of-way. He added further that the grant required no matching funds from the City, and the tree planting project would be advertized for bids.

Mr. Steve Cox and Mr. Joe Buckles, representing the Hartwell Golden K (Kiwanis) organization, addressed Mayor and Council regarding the new mega ramp and their proposed fishing tournament. Mr. Cox explained that their organization would like to hold a non-profit fishing tournament on September 11, 2010 at the new mega ramp site and asked for the City's permission to basically use the terminology "grand opening" of the mega ramp to coincide with the tournament. He further explained that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would also have a ribbon-cutting on a different date to signify the completion of the mega ramp. Mr. Buckles stated that this grand opening would be a good opportunity to promote the mega ramp through both Georgia and South Carolina media. He also reported that the County had already committed to uniting with others in promoting this concept, and the Chamber of Commerce will also be asked to support this endeavor. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Little to support the concept of the Golden K in promoting the mega ramp. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Chairman Carey Jackson explained that the DDA wished to develop a downtown event series on the first Friday of each month, beginning with a quilt walk in April and having outdoor movies during the months of May through August. Mr. Jackson stated that the movies (shown free to the public) would be shown on an inflatable screen in the MLK parking lot. The cost for these movies is anticipated at \$1200 per event, and the DDA is requesting \$1600 from the City, with sponsorships to be sought from civic clubs, businesses, and private sponsors. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to contribute \$1600 from the Mayor's budgeted special projects fund to assist in funding these outdoor movie events. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hicks, and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Hart County Chamber of Commerce for the use of streets around the courthouse square on May 29, 2010 for the "Cars & Guitars Under the Stars" classic car show.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Hartwell Service League for use of city streets and the MLK parking lot for the annual Pre-4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield, and carried unanimously to adopt the revised Speed Zone Ordinance as updated by the Department of Transportation. The Ordinance will go into effect upon approval from the Department of Public Safety.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Craft, and carried unanimously to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Georgia Water & Wastewater Agency Response Network.

In accordance with recommendations of the Georgia Public Service Commission, Councilman Little moved to authorize the City Manager to seek bids to replace bare steel and cast iron gas piping. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. As explained by the City Manager, the upgrade construction of approximately 12,500' of 4-inch polyethylene and 5,500' of 2-inch polyethylene gas main would begin with a tie-in to the coated steel pipe near the mica mine on Hwy. 172.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield to adjourn into executive session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending claims. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of the executive session, a motion was made by Councilman Hicks to reconvene back into regular session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Little to settle a pending claim. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner  
City Clerk