

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 1, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 500 E. Howell Street, Hartwell, with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennifer Scott.

Everyone present was asked by the Mayor to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, followed by the invocation by City Manager David Aldrich.

As requested by the City Manager, a motion was made by Councilman Little to add an additional item to the agenda regarding execution of a contract with Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant application. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

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

A proclamation was read by Mayor Scott and presented to Ms. Nancy Clark, recognizing retired educators and proclaiming November 7, 2010 as Retired Educators Day in Georgia.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield, and carried unanimously to approve a request from Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the "Our Lady of Guadalupe" parade on Sunday, December 12, 2010 from 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The parade route will begin on Benson Street from the Library to the Sacred Heart Church.

A motion was made by Councilman Little to accept the recommendation of the Hartwell Historic Preservation Commission for the appointment of Mr. Bill Stamps as a member of the Commission to replace Mr. Spooner Phillips. Mr. Phillips recently resigned from the Commission due to moving out of the city. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Mayor and Council heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2010-02, adopting the City's new Code of Ordinances as updated by Municipal Code Corporation.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-01-2010, recertifying the City of Hartwell as a Certified City of Ethics under the Georgia Municipal Association Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Hicks, and carried unanimously to accept the quote of \$48,955.48 from Sewer Tech Equipment Sales, Inc. of Stone Mountain, Georgia for a new sewer camera.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield to set the dates for public hearings regarding the fiscal year 2011 budget for Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., and on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

Mayor Scott reported that she had invited representatives of Waste Pro to address Council regarding some of the benefits of privatization of sanitation services. She further stated that she wanted to do the right thing for the environment and the city, and this was the only company, found in her research, that could meet all the needs of the city. Mr. John Cown of Waste Pro stated that his company would like to partner with the City by offering its recycling and solid waste services, which would effectively cut the amount of trash sent to the landfill. He pointed out that Waste Pro would take all the current City Sanitation employees, keep the same routes, supply all new canisters for residents, new front load canisters at every business, and new trucks. Current employees would have no lag in insurance, better pay, and Christmas bonuses would be \$250.00 for each year of service. The company also has a 3-year bonus program for drivers, whereby employees doing a good job and accident-free would receive a \$10,000.00 check. As Councilman Craft asked whether or not Waste Pro would also hire a current City employee close to retirement age, Mr. Cown replied that it would probably be better for the City to move that person into another area and let Waste Pro help with compensation. Following considerable discussion, Mayor Scott appointed a committee to meet with Waste Pro, as follows: Councilmembers Billy Ethridge, Arthur Craft and Sarah Mayfield, along with Sanitation Superintendent Dean Carruth.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to move forward with the Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant application for Depot Street and the railroad turntable by approving a contract with Georgia Mountain Regional Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner  
City Clerk