

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2011

The Hartwell City Council met in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall with all members present. Mayor Jennifer Scott called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Scott reported that a number of organizations and churches in the community and neighboring communities were hosting mission trips to aid hurricane victims in the northeast and assist in the cleanup from the hurricane in Alabama. She encouraged citizens to offer assistance in some manner to those organizations.

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

Mr. Bill Griggs addressed Mayor and Council regarding the upcoming INT League's Eastern Regional Wakeboard Championship to be held at Sadler's Creek State Park on Lake Hartwell in Anderson County, South Carolina September 14 – 17, 2011. Mr. Griggs reported that organizers for the League had originally planned to hold the competition in North Carolina, but due to low water levels at that location, the event was moved to Lake Hartwell. In anticipation of use of hotels and restaurants in the City of Hartwell due to the close proximity of the event, Mr. Griggs requested that Council appropriate \$2,000 for security and signage for the event, with the County to also be asked for the same amount. Councilman Hicks stated his only concern was that as a county taxpayer, he would be paying twice. Mr. Griggs responded that this had always been a concern of his also. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman David Little to authorize the funding of \$2,000 for the event. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. City Manager David Aldrich stated that the City had actually set aside money for marketing this type event as part of the mega ramp funding.

Upon request by Mayor Scott, a motion was made by Councilwoman Mayfield to add to the agenda a request from the YMCA. Motion was seconded by Councilman Arthur Craft and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a request by Alton & Sara Ayers and Sara Neese for rezoning of property near the intersection of E. Franklin Street and Slaton Avenue from R-1 to B-2, General Business District. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Billy Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Hicks, and carried unanimously to approve a request for extension of natural gas service to the Stephen Johnson Farm to serve nine (9) poultry houses.

A motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hicks, and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Pilot Club of Hartwell to hold the annual "Depot Day" Fall Festival on November 5th on Depot Street.

A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge, seconded by Councilman Little, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-06-11 calling for a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2011 for the purpose of electing three members to the City Council. The current council seats held by Sarah Mayfield, Van Senkbeil, and David Little shall expire December 31, 2011. The election shall be conducted by the Judge of the Probate Court of Hart County pursuant to provisions contained in the Intergovernmental Agreement and pursuant to state law.

A motion was made by Councilman Little to authorize the City Manager to seek bids for the City's annual audit. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously.

Mayor Scott explained that the YMCA was requesting permission to hold a benefit "fun run" on Sunday, October 30, 2011 for the David Snyder family, whose wife recently lost her life in an automobile accident. The City Manager stated that details would be worked out with the Chief of Police regarding the safest, best route for the run. A motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Mayfield, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Councilman Ethridge to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner
City Clerk