

PUBLIC HEARING  
December 29, 2016

A public hearing was duly called and conducted by the City of Hartwell on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 456 E. Howell Street, Hartwell. Those present included Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Tony Haynie and Mike MacNabb, City Attorney Robert Leverett, City Clerk Jean Turner, Mr. Billy Kidd, Vivian Morgan of The Hartwell Sun, and Interested Citizens.

Mayor Brandon Johnson called the hearing to order and stated the purpose of the hearing was to advise the public of the proposed Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Oakview Crossing Project and receive citizen input of the proposed Plan.

City Attorney Robert Leverett also explained that the hearing was being held to comply with requirements under the Urban Redevelopment Act, which the City is using its powers for establishing urban redevelopment areas for revitalization.

Upon first extending his appreciation to the City of Hartwell for assistance in the proposed Oakview Crossing Project, Mr. Billy Kidd presented a narrative of the proposed use of the property regarding the Urban Redevelopment Plan. He explained that AnMed had acquired six acres out of forty-six acres located between Ingles and Wal-Mart on U.S. Hwy. 29 North. The six acres acquired by AnMed are located on the front side of the property to be used for a medical office. Also, the remaining back side of the property is being considered for a mixed use development for residential and commercial construction, including housing for senior residents.

The City Attorney explained that financing from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was crucial to the proposed project, and documents would still need to be submitted to USDA for funding. Mayor Johnson also stated that once funding is approved by the USDA, the project is anticipated to move pretty fast.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged that traffic problems existed in this area and the Department of Transportation would be contacted for assistance with this issue.

The City Attorney stated that City Council would be adding an agenda item to consider approval of the proposed Urban Redevelopment Plan for Oakview Crossing.

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Turner  
City Clerk