

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Bill Griggs, Mike MacNabb, Tray Hicks, Tony Haynie, Arthur Craft and Billy Ethridge.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager David Aldrich, City Attorney Robert Leverett, Janet Fleming in the absence of City Clerk, Representatives of the Press/Media, and Interested Citizens

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 456 E. Howell Street, Hartwell, Georgia. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Johnson, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor's Comments:

- Reminded everyone that the month of April is Autism Awareness Month and also Parkinson's Awareness Month. Each year 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with Autism and 1 in 42 are males. Also each year 60,000 people are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Autism affects youth and Parkinson's affects older people.

Hearing no corrections to the minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular council meeting a motion was made by Councilman Haynie to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to approve Resolution No. 2017-03-04, Support for Transformational Plan, a proposed 52 unit senior complex on Chandler St. Complex would be similar to Juniper Court which is off of Ridge Road. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve a request for the Annual Pre-4th Extravaganza on June 24, 2017 seconded by Councilman Griggs and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks to approve the street closure of Carolina St. between Franklin and Howell (in front of CVS) for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 15, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Haynie made a motion to approve the request to seek bids for 3 new trucks for Public Works. After a brief discussion the motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks. A request was made by Councilman Hicks to find out the repair costs of the transmission repair of the 2004 Ford Ranger with approximately 104,000 miles. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Ethridge opposing.

After consideration of three quotes for two Reuse Pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Councilman Haynie made a motion to accept the low bid from Monumental Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$19,684. Motion was seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried unanimously. 6-0

The second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-01, Solicitation/Road Policy, was tabled for thirty days to clarify the language, with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Haynie. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie to accept the Parade Policy, seconded by Councilman MacNabb and carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Craft and seconded by Councilman Griggs to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Archway Program. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve the request to purchase 24 new body cameras for the Police Department from "Digital Ally" in the amount of \$16,900.75. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ethridge and carried unanimously. 6-0

The request from Hartwell Main Street Partners that the Hartwell City Council convey the strip of land adjacent to its property at 302 Johnson St. met with approval with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman MacNabb. The motion carried unanimously. 6-0. Any expenses/costs would be covered by the DDA.

A motion was made by Councilman Haynie to support the Lake Hartwell Music Festival and seconded by Councilman Craft, by supplying garbage carts and road barriers. Motion carried 5-0 with Councilman Hicks abstaining.

A discussion ensued concerning the City Travel Policy and the per diem daily allowance. It was agreed that City Employees would be paid a daily per diem of \$75 to \$100, depending on where they would be traveling. There would be no additional per diem for spouses and no receipts would be required for per diem or mileage. City Officials and City Employees must attend designated classes when traveling. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Haynie and seconded by Councilman Ethridge. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Griggs opposing.

City Manager Comments:

- Water Treatment Plant Contractor has installed a 12" valve between the building and road
- WTP Operator, Philip Cleveland, received Class 2 WTP Certification
- GEFA performed the final inspection of the Disc Filter
- Dillon Crawford and Maverick Olaes received Class 3 WWTP Certification
- Water main has been installed on Clover St. and residents connected to the new line, still cleaning up in this area
- Looking to bring in bids under LMIG program to resurface North Forest Ave., Randall St., and Fifth St.
- DOT program for restriping streets, this program is under LMIG, the state will pay 70% of cost

City Council Comments:

- Councilman Hicks wanted to make everyone aware that the Sunday Pouring Sales will be on the May Agenda, in order for the Referendum to be placed on the ballot in November.
- Councilman Hicks stated that Hart State Park will open May 1, 2017. The City is working with the state to iron out any details.

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Craft to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Pending Claim and Personnel. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Councilman Hicks made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman MacNabb. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0

A motion was made by Councilman Hicks and seconded by Councilman Haynie to deny the claim.

There being no further business, Councilman Craft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming