

Regular Council Meeting

April 5, 2021

Present: Mayor Brandon Johnson, Councilmembers Stephen “Doc” Ayers, Arthur Craft, Tony Haynie, Mike MacNabb, Patrick Guarnella and Tray Hicks.

Others Present: City Manager Jon Herschell, City Attorney Robert Leverett, Economic/Community Development Director Jason Ford, City Clerk Janet Fleming (virtual), Representatives of the Press and interested citizens.

The Regularly scheduled meeting of the Hartwell City Council was held Monday April 5, 2021 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:

- Mayor Johnson reappointed Kathy Dove to the Hartwell Housing Authority Board as Resident Commissioner.
- Th Mayor announced a Bike Ride Fund Raiser Event for Jeff Sokol, to be held on April 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. beginning at the Yacht Club and going to Franklin County and back.
- Mayor Johnson reported a “Very Productive Meeting” that was held on April 1, 2021 with County Officials concerning on-going annexations. The group came to an understanding and the city resubmitted the annexation request regarding Sidney Point.
- Mayor Johnson gave an update of the Property Management Agreement for Hartwell Lakeside Park. (To enter into a Lease Agreement in conjunction with the Property Management Agreement)

Councilman Guarnella asked for an update concerning Oakview Crossing. The Mayor’s response was “at this time the goal is for the property to be sold”.

Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, a motion was made by Councilman MacNabb to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion was seconded by Councilman Craft and carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Hicks made a motion to approve the Kiwanis Club Annual Bike ride to be held on October 23, 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie and carried unanimously 6-0.

The Hart County Middle School 5-K Fun Run to be held on May 22, 2021 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. was approved with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and second by Councilman MacNabb. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The deeding of Fairview Station to the City of Hartwell was approved with a motion being made by Councilman Haynie and second by Councilman Craft. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Johnson signed a National Safe Boating Proclamation. National Safe Boating week is May 22 – 28, 2021.

Roseanna Cruz-Bibb, Archway Professional, presented the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the UGA Archway Partnership program. Councilman Hicks made a motion to continue working with Archway for the next year. Councilman Ayers seconded and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilman MacNabb made a motion to approve a request for a water main upgrade on South Jackson/Webb Street. The request also included approval of low bidder, Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc., for up to \$50,700. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hicks and carried unanimously 6-0.

A Request for Pro-Pump Solutions, Inc. to repair and replace Laurel Park Lift Station Pump #2 and starter in the amount of \$10,821.58 met with approval with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks and second by Councilman Craft. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The Council unanimously approved the LMIG SAP program which includes striping and signage for 11 streets in the City of Hartwell with a 30% match of up to \$50,000. The streets included are College Ave., Vickery St., Ulyanovsk Rd., E. Howell St., Janice Dr., W Franklin St., Webb St., Jackson St., Fifth St., Fairview Ave., Cleveland Ave., E. Franklin St., Forest Ave., S Jackson St., Fairview Ave., Gibson St., and Ridge Rd. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hicks and Second by Councilman Guarnella 6-0.

The Planning and Zoning Board presented a request to rezone parcels I70F 005 003 and I70F 005 004 from M2 to B2. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended against rezoning of the parcels. (City resident, Ms. Laura Murphy of Parkdale Drive, spoke against the rezoning request.) After a discussion by the City Council, a motion was made by Councilman MacNabb to approve the rezoning of parcels I70F 005 003 and I70F 005 004 from M2 to B2. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynie. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Ayers opposing and Councilman Hicks abstaining

A rezoning request to rezone parcel I57D 013 from R1 to B1 was approved with a motion being made by Councilman Hicks. Motion was seconded by Councilman Guarnella and carried unanimously 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Guarnella and second by Councilman Craft to adjourn into Executive Session concerning a Legal Matter and Property Acquisition. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

There being no further comments or business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming
City Clerk