

**CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

**Present: Mayor Holt**

**Mayor Pro-Tem McFarland  
Councilmember Andrews  
Councilmember Braddock  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember Shirley  
Councilmember Wilson  
City Attorney Driggers**

**Staff:**

**City Manager Pennington  
City Clerk/Admin Services Director Skipper  
Deputy Clerk McDonald  
DEEPS Director Clemons  
Fire Chief Heathman  
Parks & Leisure Services Director Gardner  
Police Chief Kemp**

**Press**

**PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AND DULY POSTED IN CITY HALL. PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 2-36 AND 2-47 UPON MOTION(S) MADE TO WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY; THEY ARE READ BY TITLE ONLY. APPROVED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ARE FILED WITH ORIGINAL MINUTES AND NOT REPRINTED HEREIN.**

**Mayor Michael S. Holt called the meeting to order and requested Councilmember Braddock lead in the invocation and pledge to our flag.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDREWS TO WAIVE READING OF AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2009; SECOND: WILSON; CARRIED: ALL AYES.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Dr. Lee Gardner, Airport Advisory Board Chair, gave the Board's annual update to Council. The economy affects airports just as it does everyone else. Due to the spike in aviation fuel prices there was a decrease in traffic at the airport; corporate use has remained steady over the last few months. Three student pilots soloed in January. This past year the Board has been working on securing funds for a new terminal; the grant money has been delayed approximately six months. A tree clearing project on the airport property also awaits funding.**

**Reverend Robert Thomas, Mount Calvary AME Church, expressed concern over and requested information from Council on several issues. Regarding the paving of Sixth Street, a delegation of Council attended the January 28<sup>th</sup> County Transportation Committee (CTC) meeting to express support of and wishes for the repaving of Sixth Street, the CTC said they will get back in touch with the City on this issue. The City Manager received authorization today from the Department of Commerce to expend funds for the Paint the Town project; initial tests for lead paint will begin on the approved homes in the near future. The matching funds for the Paint the Town project have already been set aside. Clemson has postponed the Butler project until the end of February or beginning of March.**

**Mayor Holt welcomed and recognized Boy Scout Troop 7 from Lakeview Baptist Church.**

**MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**Revenues and hospitality tax funds are slow coming in. We have noticed restaurants adding \$1 menus. This issue will be discussed in detail at the Council Retreat on February 27. There is no extra spending; we are doing the best we can.**

**We hope to have some good news in the upcoming months as staff wraps up negotiations.**

Hartsville is in good shape compared to other cities. Some of our counterparts are seeing layoffs of forty to seventy employees and are cutting services.

The Paint the Town project should begin with 30 to 45 days.

The \$40 billion for local governments was removed from the Senate version of the stimulus bill. We will keep an eye on this issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Received as Information Only**

Monthly Financial Statements

Committee Minutes/Reports

Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Reports

Development Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**FINAL READING ORDINANCE 3078: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HARTSVILLE CITY CODE BY ADOPTING CHAPTER 11 “RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSING PROGRAM” – TABLED UNTIL THE MARCH 2009 MEETING.**

Motion to table until the March 2009 Council Meeting: McFarland; Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES 03-09: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A LICENSE TO OPERATE A TAXICAB BUSINESS – APPROVED.**

City Manager: City code requires that any license issued for a new taxi firm is reviewed and approved by Council.

Motion: Andrews; Second: Wilson; Carried: All ayes.

**RES 04-09: TO IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COACH T.B. THOMAS SPORTS CENTER – DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION.**

City Manager: after taking a closer look at this item, staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to implement these rules and regulations.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Wilson** is glad to be back. He told everyone that things can happen quickly and thanked God for allowing him to be here. He thanked Council for their prayers. You do not know who your friends are until something like this happens. He especially thanked his wife.

**Councilmember Braddock** thanked Reverend Thomas for his presentation and the Boy Scouts for their presence at the meeting. He is looking forward to the Council Retreat. We will come out of this sooner or later.

**Councilmember Andrews** welcomed Bernice Wilson back and welcomed the Scouts. He congratulated the City Manager and his wife on receiving their doctorates. He thanked Reverend Thomas for his involvement in Hartsville.

**Councilmember Graham** welcomed Bernice Wilson back and thanked Reverend Thomas for his service to Hartsville.

**Councilmember Shirley** welcomed Bernice Wilson back and thanked the Scouts for coming to the meeting.

**Mayor Holt** thanked Reverend Thomas and recognized Troop 7. He also recognized Charles Govan, Darlington County School Board member. Please remember your friends, neighbors, and local businesses by shopping locally. He is glad the gang is back together; very glad to have Bernice Wilson with us, we all missed him very much.

**MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SC CODE FOIA 30-4-70(a)(2) FOR RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE, TO DISCUSS LEGAL UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES AND PENDING LAWSUITS, AND TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS - APPROVED.**

**Motion: Wilson; Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.**

**MOTION: TO VERIFY THAT ONLY THE ITEMS STATED IN THE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPROVED.**

**Motion: Andrews; Second: McFarland; Carried: All ayes.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – APPROVED.**

**Motion: Andrews; Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.**

**Adjournment at 7:45pm.**

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**Michael S. Holt, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sherron L. Skipper, CMC**  
**City Clerk**