

CITY OF HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2010

Present: Mayor Pennington IV  
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrews  
Councilmember Braddock  
Councilmember Graham  
Councilmember James  
Councilmember Shirley  
Councilmember Wilson  
City Attorney Driggers

Staff: City Manager (Interim) Myers  
City Clerk/Admin Services Director Skipper  
Deputy Clerk DuBose  
DEEPS Director Clemons  
Finance Director Douglas  
Fire Chief Heathman  
Parks & Leisure Services Director Gardner  
Police Chief Kemp

Press

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Mayor Pennington called the meeting to order.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**FINAL READING ORDINANCE 4009: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 0.308(+/-) ACRES OF THE CARGILL SITE – APPROVED.**

Reading by Title and Presentation – City Manager: had a conversation with Mr. Myers earlier in the day. Mr. Myers is looking forward to moving forward with the project. They are accepting the property as marked on the map. This is a good deal for everyone.

City Attorney Driggers a public hearing was held at the March 9 Regular Council Meeting so a public hearing is not required at this reading. The buyers will put the property in a LLC name so the ordinance needs to be amended for the name and to add “or their assignee”.

Motion to amend paragraph three to read, “To be sold to Russell and Connie Powell, LLC or their assignee”: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.

Approval of Final Reading and Waiving of Complete Reading: Motion to approve as amended: Wilson; Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.

Mayor Pennington is excited and looking forward to the Powell’s bettering the downtown area.

Councilmember James came into the meeting after the vote was taken and asked that the record reflect her vote would have been in favor of Ordinance 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES 14-10: APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH HARTSVILLE AREA – APPROVED.**

City Manager Myers this is a very worthwhile endeavor and hopes the City is successful in their grant application.

Public Service Director Clemons this grant requires a 50% match by the City with the City receiving \$500,000 in CDBG funds. The engineer had to leave out two streets in order to cut costs. The two streets removed from the list were cut because of the difficulty in laying pipe on those streets.

Mayor Pennington will this help our ISO rating?

Fire Chief Heathman yes, it could.

Mayor Pennington will it increase water pressure to homes?

Public Service Director Clemons it will increase the pressure in some homes. Homes with 1½-inch taps should improve but homes with two-inch taps would not see an improvement in the water pressure.

City Manager Myers when do you expect an answer?

Public Service Director Clemons estimates are July, then the design process would begin, and bids would go out. If funding is approved the project will take approximately a year to complete. Prior to submission of the grant application, a survey of homes in the affected area will be completed. Questions will be about income and the number of inhabitants. Seventy percent of the homes surveyed must be below the number set by the CDBG to win funding.

Mayor Pennington could we apply for two grants at once if the grants were for different parts of the City?

Public Service Director Clemons we can't but we can apply for this grant each year.

Mayor Pennington asked where the City's match is in the budget.

City Manager Myers it is included in the Utility Fund.

Motion to approve: Wilson; Second: Graham; Carried: All ayes.

**RES 15-10: TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND LEASE FINANCING FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT – APPROVED.**

City Manager Myers the HFD ladder truck has been sidelined and can't be used. It is in the best interest to replace the truck.

Chief Heathman the truck is fine but the ladder is deemed unsafe. The ladder can be fixed for \$87,000 plus the cost of transportation to Ohio but there is no guarantee on the repairs. The lifespan on a ladder truck is ten years in a large city and twenty years in a smaller city such as Hartsville. The City has already spent \$100,000 on a 1976 ladder truck the City purchased in 1996. We are not buying a brand new truck.

Mayor Pennington what are the ISO requirements?

Chief Heathman ISO requires two trucks and a ladder truck at each call. Due to the economy and gas prices, ISO is exempting this requirement until the economy improves but the requirement will be reinstated. We also have a four-story hotel being built in the downtown.

City Manager Myers the City will tie in the financing of the ladder truck with existing financing and re-finance.

Finance Director Douglas we have three years left on the current lease.

Chief Heathman we are looking at a brand new truck with a refurbished ladder with newer ladder base. A new truck is about \$1.5 million but we'll be able to get this one for approximately \$660,000.

Councilmember Braddock what about the old truck?

Chief Heathman we can sell it. Staff found the same truck in good condition selling for \$86,000 but with the condition of this truck the estimated selling price is five to ten thousand.

Councilmember Braddock what is the maintenance on the new truck?

Chief Heathman regular routine oil changes and maintenance is all that is required.

Motion to approve: Andrews; Second: Braddock; Carried: All ayes.

Adjournment at 2:35pm.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV  
Mayor

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