

**CITY OF HARTFORD
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
PROPOSED OCTOBER 27, 2025**

Commissioners Present: Peter Aranda (5:31); Jane Danger; Lindsy Morsaw; Nancy Spoula; Charles Weeden; Mayor Richard A. Hall
Commissions Absent: John Miller;
Staff Present: Clark; Pulluiam; Poole; Ricks; Rodney-Isbrecht; Shultz

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Commissioner Morsaw, supported by Commissioner Spoula, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Communications:

- MPSC – information on Filing a Video/Cable Complaint
- Trick or Treating October 31, 2025 6pm-8pm
- HPS Fall Fest – October 31, 2025 will be performing several service projects in the community
- Clerk's Office will be open November 1, 2025 8:30am-4:30pm for issuance & collection of absent voter ballots & voter registration.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Notice of Public Hearing – Variance Application November 3, 2025, 5pm
- General Election – November 4, Polls Open 7am-8pm @ 12 Church Street Vanderlyn Community Center
- City Hall Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day, November 11, 2025

Reports of Officers, Boards & Committees; Routine Monthly Reports from Departments:

- Hartford Public Library – October 2025 Meeting Information, 2026 Strawberry Festival will be held at the library.
- Van Buren Conservation District – September 2025 Program Information
- A. **Police & Ordinance** – Sargent Poole, report on file; with more staff, complaints are up triple over what was logged this time last year; fire arms training completed; Reserves are scheduled during trick or treating; new body armor has been received.
- B. **Fire Department** – Robbie Harting, Chief, report on file; pancake breakfast went well even though attendance was less than in past years; spooktacular is being sponsored by Honor Credit Union this year; applying for grant to replace department radios; fire hose testing has been completed; the ladder truck has been posted for sale; January of 2026 is the expected delivery of the mini pumper.
- C. **Ambulance** – report on file
- D. **Van Buren County** – no representative
- E. **Public Works** – Ricky Ricks Supervisor, report on file, picking up brush and leaves until bad weather.
- F. **Iron Removal Plant** – Quinten Clark, report on file; worked with DPW on Hydrant Flushing; installed & programmed auto flusher at the casino; working on chlorine residual numbers; scheduling water tower inspection.
- G. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Quinton Clark, report on file; equipment replaced; continuing to work on the IPP, SOP's and quality control; had a sludge haul; drafting a response to EGLE survey results.
- H. **Treasurers, Investment & List of Bills** – List of Bills \$1,504,206.79; Quarterly Investment Report;

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- I. **City Manager** –report on file – Audit; Spark Grant Bid Opening; Master Plan Update; BS&A Software Update; Surf Internet Update; Casey’s ZBA Variance Application; Sanitary Sewer Survey; RRC Certification; Special Meeting needed, Closed Session for attorney legal opinion on Ivy vs City of Hartford, meeting set for November 19 at 3:30pm; Speaking at the November 11th Veterans Service at the Fire Department; Joint Fire Agreement; Wightman’s Construction Updates; City Manager Goals Update;

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Aranda, supported by Commissioner Morsaw, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Approval of Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Danger, supported by Commissioner Spoula to accept the October 27, 2025 list of bills paid in the amount of \$1,054,600.19.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Danger, supported by Commissioner Aranda, to approve the October 27, 2025 list of bills to be paid in the amount of \$449,606.60.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Morsaw, supported by Commissioner Danger, to accept the September 2025 reports of Officers, Boards & Committees and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Discuss & Consider – Support the Red Arrow Convoy Special Event
Discussion: Convoy grows every year; this is the first year they have requested support for the event.
- Discuss & Consider – Employee Flexible Benefits Plan
Discussion: has not been presented to the employees so do not know how many will be interested in participating, this is pre-tax spending & dependent care, cost is \$75.00 per/month + \$400 enrollment.

Resolutions, Ordinance, Proclamation's:

- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 067 Supporting the Red Arrow Convoy Special Event

Motion by Commissioner Danger, supported by Commissioner Morsaw, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 067 supporting the Red Arrow Convoy Special Event application submitted to Van Buren County Road Commission, acknowledging the possible disruption of traffic with-in the City limits and authorizing the Clerk to submit a copy of the resolution to VBRC in support of the event.

Motion carried 6 – 0

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- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 068 Employee Flexible Benefits Plan

Motion by Commissioner Spoula, supported by Commissioner Aranda, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 068 offering an employee flexible benefit plan managed by Kushner & Company in the amount of \$1,300.00.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Aranda, supported by Commissioner Morsaw, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk