

9/25/23 Council Report
Linnea Rader, Interim City Manager

Another month has gone by. We've had an eventful and productive month. I have the following updates for Council:

- Following the August meeting I composed a letter of support for Hartford Township's building project.
- A check is included in the payables for the Carlisle's for reimbursement of damages occurring as a result of the Clark and Linden project. A full release of claims will be signed with receipt of the payment.
- We have made conditional offer of employment for a full-time Police Officer. We are still looking for a part-time police officer as well. Filling both vacancies would bring us back to full staffing levels in the Police Department.
- The City of Hartford was NOT offered any portion of grant or loan forgiveness for the water project discussed at the last Council meeting. We will evaluate the needs of the City following the coring project going on now and apply again when funding becomes available in the future.
- We have completed interviews for the Deputy City Clerk and Administrative Assistant position. We had a great number of applicants for the position. We are in the process of contacting references to be able to move forward with hiring.
- I have been approached about being a moderator for a "meet the candidates" forum. It was explained that I am what everyone feels is a non-biased party. I'm open to the idea as long as Council is accepting of it.
- I've been ill with COVID, which unfortunately has caused delays in some of the projects I have been working on. I was careful to not be present in the office once I felt there was a possibility that I was contagious.
- I met with Union representatives for the Police Department's union. We are working to understand concerns and make any adjustments needed to best serve the City.