

CITY OF HARTFORD
PROPOSED SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2025

Commissioners Present: John Miller; Lindsay Morsaw; Nancy Spoula; Charles Weeden (12:03) and Mayor Richard A. Hall;

Commissioners Absent: Peter Aranda; Jane Danger;

Staff Present: Pulluam (formally Brown); Rodney-Isbrecht;

Mayor Richard A. Hall called the special meeting to order at 12:00pm.

New Business:

- Discuss & Consider - Permanent Easements, Authorization & Compensation for the Water System
Discussion: Micky Bittner & Paul Harvey, Wightman's, gave an overview of what is needed for the DWSRF Water Improvement Project which includes looping of the water system at the end of Dunbar Street. Metro Consulting is a sub-contractor of Wightman's and will be compensated through the project funds. There are two properties effected by the project where permanent easements are needed.
- Discuss & Consider – Water & Sewer Rate Study Update
Discussion: Andy Campbell, Bendzinski & Co. gave an update on the water & sewer rate study that reflect the new rates adopted by Council to begin July 1, 2025.
- Discuss & Consider – Road Bonds Estimated Debt Schedule
Discussion: Andy Campbell, Bendzinski & Co. gave an update on the estimated debt the City could afford with payments approximately at \$125,000 per/year post project. Next phase is to sell the bonds at a favorable rate estimated at 4.5% for 15 years. It is not recommended to extend the debt past 15 years as this is about the life cycle of the roads.
- Discuss & Consider – Water System Improvements Project DWSRF 777-01 Bid Tabulation & Recommendation for Awards
Discussion: Micky Bittner & Paul Harvey, Wightman's gave an overview of the bids tabulated and made their recommendation. The awards are contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The project was broken up into four separate contracts & bid on different days to allow more contractors to bid on the separate projects. The bids were reflective of expected costs with the exception of the cost of copper, causing variations in the bids received. Contract A is the Lead Service line replacements; Contract B & C water main replacement & roads and Contract D is the Iron Removal Plant upgrade.
- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 050 Authorization & Compensation Authorization for Public Utility Permanent Easements

Motion by Miller, supported by Morsaw, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 050 to authorize & compensation authorization for public utility permanent easements in the amount of \$9,045.00

Motion carried 5 – 0

- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 051 Tentatively Award A Construction Contract for Water System Improvements – Contract A

Motion by Spoula, supported by Miller, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 051 to tentatively award a construction contract for water system improvements Contract A in the amount of \$4,540,787.50 to Compton Inc.

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Motion carried 5 – 0

- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 052 Tentatively Award A Construction Contract for Water System Improvements – Contract B

Motion by Miller, supported by Spoula, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 052 to tentatively award a construction contract for water system improvements Contract B in the amount of \$2,979,063.00 to Kalin Construction.

Motion carried 5 – 0

- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 053 Tentatively Award A Construction Contract for Water System Improvements – Contract C

Motion by Morsaw, supported by Spoula, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 053 to tentatively award a construction contract for water system improvements Contract C in the amount of \$2,507,461.50 to Krohn Excavating, LLC.

Motion carried 5 – 0

- Discuss & Consider – Resolution 2025 – 054 Tentatively Award A Construction Contract for Water System Improvements – Contract D

Motion by Miller, supported by Morsaw, to adopt Resolution 2025 – 054 to tentatively award a construction contract for water system improvements Contract D in the amount of \$509,150.00 to L.D. Docsa Associates Inc.

Motion carried 5 – 0

Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Spoula, supported by Commissioner Morsaw, to adjourn the meeting at 12:37pm.

Motion carried 4 – 1 (Miller)

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk