

CITY OF HARTFORD
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Commissioners Present: Peter Aranda; Jane Danger; John Miller; Lindsay Morsaw; Nancy Spoula; Charles Weeden; Mayor Richard A. Hall

Commissions Absent:

Staff Present: Matthews; Ricks; Rodney-Isbrecht;

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests:

Public Comment:

Communications:

- AEP Transmission Rebuild Project – EGLE Permit Request
- November 4, 2025 Election – Absent Voter Ballot Available; Write-in Candidate Deadline October 24, 4pm.
- City Hall Closed in Observance of Columbus Day October 13, 2025
- Planning Commission Meeting October 20, 2025 – Moved Due to Columbus Day
- Trick or Treating 10/31/2025 6pm-8pm
- Clerk Rodney-Isbrecht attended the First Bureau of Elections Clerk Conference on September 2-3 and gave an update to the Commission on some of the classes attend

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

- Planning Commission – August 11, 2025 Minutes
- A. **Police & Ordinance** – Chief Brian Matthews, report on file; training update; budget constraints, researching options for police vehicles; blight ordinance violations & compliance follow-up; waiting on new firearm deliver.
- B. **Fire Department** – Robbie Harting, Chief, report on file; flu-shot clinic & car seat check-up were successful; preparing for Fire Prevention Week. & Pancake Breakfast on October 5; Mini-Pumper purchase and borrowing for purchase; outfitting the mini-pumper; 2024/2025 Audit has been completed.
- C. **Ambulance** – report on file
- D. **Van Buren County** – no representative
- E. **Public Works** – Ricky Ricks Supervisor, report on file, preparing for brush & leave pick-up; many projects & contractors in the City.
- F. **Iron Removal Plant** – no representative, report not available
- G. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – no representative, report not available
- H. **Treasurers, Investment & List of Bills** – List of Bills \$459,779.07; Commissioners would like to see two separate reports one for Checks already Written and one for checks to be written.
- I. **City Manager** –report on file – Center & Main Street; Met with Eric Blocker and the Hartford Legion on the placement of flag retirement project; Audit; BSA Conversion & Training; Spark Grant; Master Plan; Surf Internet; Casey's, Groundbreaking; Wightman's Project Updates;

Approval of Commission Minutes:

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Motion by Commissioner Aranda, supported by Commissioner Spoula, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion by Commissioner Spoula, supported by Commissioner Morsaw, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 3:30pm special business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Morsaw, supported by Commissioner Miller, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 4:00pm special business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Motion by Commissioner Aranda, supported by Commissioner Danger, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 special closed session business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Approval of Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Danger, to approve the September 22, list of bills in the amount of \$459,779.07.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Aranda, supported by Commissioner Miller, to accept the August 2025 reports of Officers, Boards & Committees and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Discuss & Consider – Christmas Decorations.
Discussion: Christmas Décor by Naylor Landscape proposal to decorate City Hall for \$3,318 and Ely Park in the amount of \$2,960. Council did not support the cost of decorating.

Resolutions, Ordinance, Proclamation's:

- Discuss & Consider - Resolution 2025 – 066

Motion by Commissioner Miller, Failed.

Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Danger, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12pm.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,
RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

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