

CITY OF HARTFORD
PROPOSED BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Commissioners Present: Ramon Beltran; Ron Burleson; Frank Dockter; John Miller; Helen Sullivan; Terry Tibbs; Mayor Richard A. Hall;

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Akinwale; Rodney-Isbrecht; Ryan; Shultz;

Mayor Richard A. Hall called the business meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Commissioner Dockter, supported by Commissioner Miller, to approve the agenda with date of meeting corrected.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Communications:

1. Fall/Winter Newsletter Published
2. Honor Credit Union Hosting Chamber After Hours September 29, 2022 at 5:30pm
3. Van Buren Conservation District Update 2022 August
4. City Manager, Yemi Akinwale submitted notice to the Mayor & City Council that he will be retiring as of December 31, 2022. The Mayor will appoint a Committee for the purpose of a City Manager Search at the October meeting.
5. Senior Services update by Board Member Terry Tibbs, a Wheelchair Ramp was installed by Senior Services at 15 Mary Street.

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

- A. **Police & Ordinance** – LT Prince, Interim Chief not available. Ordinance report not available, Officer on vacation no report.
- B. **Fire Dept** – Chief Harting – Fire Prevention Week - Saturday, October 1st lighted parade and Sunday Pancake breakfast, and presentations at the school through the week. Annual pump testing has been completed. New flag pole installed with donations to the department.
- C. **Ambulance** – No Representative Present – report submitted
- D. **Van Buren County** – Mike Chappell – Created parks & recreation commission, provides opportunities to apply for grants; Contracted with HPS for a school resource officer; Purchased property near critical dunes area. Approved market Van Buren contract; Veterans services moved into the museum on Main Street, They will have a grand opening @ 11am on Thursday.
- E. **Public Works** – Justin Ryan, Superintendent, Ricky Ricks is training to operate the Iron Plant, salt ordered, hydrant flushing this week, brush & leaves coming up.
- F. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Cost to get a permanent operator through IAI is cost prohibitive to the City. Working on the IPP permit for Amhawk & State operating permit.
- G. **Treasurers, Investment & List of Bills** – no discussion.
- H. **City Manager – Rural Development Business Grant Update:** South Parking Lot, engineer is recommend waiting until winter to bid out the project; **5 West Main Street Stabilization Update:** The Land Bank has signed an agreement with the developer: **Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Update:** first bond has been approved and working on issuing the 2nd bond; **Hartford Township PFAS Water Project:** still needing about 4 or 5 people to sign onto the project, need 51%

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participation to move forward with the project; **City Hall Roof Repair Project:** roof contractor will begin on Thursday of this week:

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Beltran, supported by Commissioner Tibbs, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Dockter, supported by Commissioner Beltran, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 special business meeting of the Hartford City Commission, as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Commissioner Tibbs, supported by Commissioner Dockter, to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2022 special 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 Sullivan, to accept the August, 2022 departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Old Business:

- Interlocal Fire Department Agreement – Arbitrator Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Beltran, to accept the City Attorney's recommendation to appoint Attorney John Allen as Arbitrator for the City on the Interlocal Fire Department Agreement.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Discussion: Allen appears to be well qualified. Council would like to meet Attorney Allen before he begins.

New Business:

- Renewal Application – Med Leaf LLC, 301 W Main St Commercial Medical Marihuana Facility

Motion by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Sullivan, to approve the renewal application for a commercial medical marihuana facility permit for Med Leaf, LLC at 301 W Main St. .

Motion carried 4 – 3 (Beltran, Dockter, Tibbs)

Discussion: Commissioner Beltran complained about the smell/odor of marihuana into the Family Dollar Store next door.

- Hartford Lions Club Request – Ely Park Holiday Decorations

Motion by Commissioner Dockter, supported by Commissioner Beltran, to partner with the Hartford Lions Club to decorate Ely Park for the Holiday Season in the amount of \$1,000.00

Motion carried 7 – 0

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Resolutions, Ordinance, Proclamation's:

- Resolution 2022 – 007 Amended Establishing Property Tax Millage for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023

Motion by Commissioner Tibbs, supported by Commissioner Sullivan, to adopt resolution 2022 – 007 to adopt Resolution 2022 – 007 Amended Establishing tax millage for 2022/2023.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Adjournment:

Motion by Commissioner Beltran, supported by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk