

City of Hartford Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, Hartford City Hall
February 12th, 2024, Minutes

Called to Order: 7:30p.m. by T. Kling

Members Present: S. Ackerman, G. Gardner, J. Kling, & T. Kling

Members Absent: J. Fuller & A. Morales, both excused unable to attend.

Also Present: Linnea Rader, Interim City Manager

Note: We would like to extend a warm welcome to Gage Gardner, our newly appointed Planning Commission member.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by G. Gardner, seconded by S Ackerman, to approve the February 12th, 2024 agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by G. Gardner, seconded by J. Kling, to approve the December 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments Not on the Agenda: Linnea Rader Brief Updates:

*New City Manager, Nicole Brown, under contract to start March 6th. Linnea will stay on to help with her transition.

*Once the weather is good, work will continue on the water project extension to the homes affected by PFAS. The residents have been contacted, either in person or by mail, but some are hesitant. If they hook up now, it's free. If they wait and anything goes wrong later, it will be very expensive for updates and repairs.

*City Council members are participating in an expectations workshop. One key aspect is to move forward in a positive manner. Linnea pointed out there was a lot of positive feedback & they had fun sharing all their ideas.

*Other projects are pretty much wrapped up, re: sewer line completed up to water treatment plant, not past the river.

*20% of homes in the city were chosen to be checked for lead (what kind of pipes are in place) wrapping up now, to update the Water Asset Management Plan.

*Grant for park submitted. Lots of great updates planned, however may be awhile before approval. We're high on the list. There are some deed restrictions (currently no playground allowed) Main goal is to balance the wants & needs of community.

*Library is interested in doing more on their property in the future. There are some legal issues to be addressed.

*T. Kling mentioned the Hum-vee the City acquired, donated at no cost, government surplus, to be used for emergencies, highway rescues. It's in really good shape. Can be sent back if there is a need to.

Public Hearing: None

Old Business:

*Need to have the election of officers. Tabled until next meeting.

*Need another Planning member to fill Nancy Spoula's position. Position has been posted. Reach out if know anyone.

New Business:

***Discuss & Consider Proposed Amendments to Marihuana Ordinances** – T. Kling re-capped our previous discussions. He reiterated the fact that we must continue to grow & evolve to meet the needs and changes in our community. We added a few modifications under Sec.110.12 regarding the number of temporary marihuana events & licenses required and updated the number of licenses for Microbusinesses. This ordinance is regulated by the State of Michigan, in compliance with the current laws. Upon completion of our discussion, all were in favor of moving forward with setting the Public Hearing date.

***Set Public Hearing Date – Amendments to Marihuana Ordinances** – Special Meeting for Public Hearing set for Monday, February 26th, at 7:30pm. Notices will be posted.

***Discuss & Consider Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinances** – T. Kling re-capped our previous discussions. Linnea added that updates to language, verbiage used for marihuana businesses re: signage, are needed to comply with the state. Upon completion of our discussion, all were in favor of moving forward with setting the Public Hearing date.

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***Application for re-appointment to Planning Commission** - applications have been given to all planning members to fill out and submit to Roxanne or Linnea once completed. Some have been turned in already.

***Training Opportunities** – there has been a good response to upcoming training being offered in Lawrence & Bangor. Most members have signed up. Online classes are also available if desired.

Other business: None

Adjournment:

Motion made by G. Gardner, seconded by S. Ackerman, to adjourn the meeting. All present in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned by T. Kling at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenine Kling, Secretary