

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP/REGULAR COMBINED MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2012

Mayor Ted Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to recently elected Commissioners, Frank Dockter; Ron Burleson and John Miller.

Members present: Ron Burleson; Frank Dockter; Rick Hall; Leo Latus; John Miller; and Ted Johnson

Members absent: Dennis Goss

Staff present: Akinwale; Beltran; Gray; Staunton: and Rodney-Isbrecht

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

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to appoint Commissioner Hall as Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2013.

Motion carried 5 – 1 (Burleson)

Guests:

Chris Cowgill, Wightman Jones – Nothing to report

Public Comment:

- Tim Kling, City Planning Chairman – met last week with the Township and Southwest MI Planning Commission, moving forward with the Joint Master Plan.

Communications were:

- a. Year In Review, special meeting of the Commission has been set for January 12, 2013 from 8:00am – Noon.
- b. The Regular Council Meeting Set for January 28, 2013 has been cancelled and combined with the Workshop meeting on January 21, 2013
- c. Comcast has sent notification they are making changes to the channel lineup effective January 16, 2013.

Reports of Officers, Boards & Committees:

- a. Police Dept & Ordinance Report
- b. Dept of Public Works Report
- c. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- d. Treasurers, Investment Report & List of Bills
- e. City Managers Report – Personal Property Tax Reform Update – The State has eliminated Personal Property Tax, to the City that amounts to approximately \$35,000 of revenue; Sewer & Water Needs Priority List – Rural Development has appropriated the funds needed at a loan rate of 2.75%; Downtown Infrastructure Project Grant.

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Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Goals/Objectives:

- a. Water/Sewer Study, prioritizing recommended projects, focusing on Waste Water Treatment Plant as it is 30+ years old and has the greatest need for repair.
- b. MEDC Downtown Improvement Grant Application, Notice of Intent due December 21, 2012, will include ornamental lighting from South Center East to Church Street, flower boxes repaired and add three additional boxes and improvement/replacement of sidewalks.

Approval of Reports:

Motion by Dockter, supported by Miller, to approve the November 2012 departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Old Business:

- a. Doranne Green/WODA Tax appeal, City is moving forward with an appraiser.
- b. Commissioner Dockter is seeking additional signage for the Casino, Library, High School and Summer Recreation Fields. The City Manager will follow-up to make sure the signs are in compliance with the City's sign ordinance and those that are benefiting from the signs are ok with the design and cost.

New Business:

The Council did not object to moving forward with the \$242,000 Downtown Improvement Grant Application Notice of Intent, to extend the lighting along East Main Street, replace and add flower boxes, and repair/replace sidewalks. The City's investment/commitment will be \$48,400.

Resolutions:

Motion by Hall, supported by Burleson, to adopt Resolution 2012 – 005A a resolution adopting limited English proficiency plan.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk