

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2012

The workshop meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Ted Johnson

Members present: Rodney Austin, Frank Dockter, Dennis Goss; Rick Hall, Leo Latus, John Miller, and Ted Johnson.

Members absent:

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

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

Motion carried 7- 0

Guests:

- Chris Cowgill, Wightman Jones – Ely Park Construction Update, contractor will seed around the construction area in the fall due to the lack of rain, recommending pay estimate approval at the regular meeting. South Center Street Construction Update, storm sewer work is almost complete. DPW, Contractor and Engineer will go over the sidewalk approaches to make sure they meet the MDOT Specifications.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Fuller, resident of Mary Street – concerned that there is not a good dissemination of information to the public regarding current and proposed ordinances.

Communications were:

- a. Notice of Hearing, AEP has applied for cost recovery increases with the Michigan Public Service Commission; hearing has been set for July 31, 2012 in Lansing at 10:00am.
- b. Nominating petitions are due by August 7 at 4:00pm for those wishing to run for City Council Seats at the November 6th general election.
- c. Thank you was expressed from Concerts in the Park committee for the addition of the outlets on the pavilion in Ely Park.
- d. Commissions and Staff that completed the Michigan Municipal Leagues trainings, hosted by Coloma Township, were awarded certificates.
- e. Van Buren County Circuit Court has issued a Declaratory Judgment of void and no effect, in the matter of charter revision brought by an initiatory petition.
- f. A letter of thanks regarding the Ely Park Dedication was received from Aric Nesbitt, State Representative.
- g. Van Buren County Road Commission has requested the City Council adopt a resolution of support for the county wide road millage renewal proposal that will be on the August 7 2012 ballot.

Goals/Objectives –

The Van Buren Road Commission and the City are looking at projects that we can work on together to maybe lower cost; immediate needs are paving the first block of Mary Street, Austin Ave, Main Street main intersection, Olds and 60th Ave.

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Reports submitted:

- *Police Dept & Ordinance Report* –
- *Department of Public Works* –
- *Waste Water Treatment Plant* – City Commission would like better regulation on dumping at the plant.
- *Treasurers & Investment & List of Bills Report* –
- *City Managers Report* – Ely Park Development Project; Water & Waste Water Infrastructure Improvement Study; 502 Clark Street Update; and South Center Street Construction Project.

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Election Inspector Appointments, training will be on July 17 2012 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Hartford Township Hall. Those who complete the training will be appointed.

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Motion carried 7 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk