

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 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, and Ted Johnson.

Members absent: John Miller

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

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Guests:

- Chris Cowgill, Wightman Jones – Bid opening for the Ely Park Construction Project was March 15 at 2pm, there were two bidders and it is recommended to award the project to Burkholder Excavating for \$28.786.25.
- Harold Schuitmaker, City Attorney – Explanation/Discussion on the initiatory petitions that were filed and approved by the voters in the November 2011 election. This is a violation of state law, a letter has been received from the Governor and Attorney General stating it is against state law and would not be approved therefore it is necessary for the Council to sue for a declaratory judgment in circuit court.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Fuller – Mary Street, the initiatory petitions were voted on by the people and should be honored, also gave opinions on fluoridation.
- Bill McLaughlin, East Main Street – comments regarding ordinances and fluoridation, and thanks for getting the theater taken care of.
- Kathleen Jenks, North Center – Comments on fluoridation.

Communications were:

- Liquor Control Commission is changing the rules and licensing applications to be submitted at the local level after April 2012.
- Update from Comcast, changes to the basic service and peg channels.
- Public meeting by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to be held March 21, 2012 in South Haven to discuss goals and issues with the public.

Goals/Objectives

- 2012/2013 Budget

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Reports submitted:

- *Police Dept & Ordinance Report* –
- *Department of Public Works* –
- *Waste Water Treatment Plant* –
- *Treasurers & Investment & List of Bills Report* –
- *City Managers Report* – Hartford Movie Theater; Community Facilities Grant Application; Ely Park Development Project Update; Pokagon-Hartford Area Local Revenue Sharing Board; Collaboration & Shared Services

Old Business:

- Resolution 2012 – 004 bringing Circuit Court Action regarding initiatory petitions to change the City Charter.

New Business:

- Discussion Service Sharing report & discussion on having one garbage hauler per municipality.
- City Hall Professional Floor Cleaning

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk