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City of Hartford  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday December 16, 2014. Members answering roll call at 6:30 p.m. included Mark Goldsberry, Stefanie Johnson, Larry Bohlen and Amanda Peterson. Members absent: Joe Hammond and Kim Dingeman

Robert Benton of Stuyvesant & Benton was in attendance.

Staff members present included Zack Prickett, Fire/Rescue Chief and Brad Herrold, Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Johnson TO APPROVE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Johnson TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed city financial and fire/rescue reports for months of November 2014. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Goldsberry TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NOVEMBER 2014 CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Goldsberry TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NOVEMBER 2014 FIRE/RESCUE REPORT. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$9,612.63 and additional bills in the amount of \$1,399.18. Mayor Bohlen reviewed presented claims prior to the meeting. Comment received regarding legal claims and radio repair invoices. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor Bohlen asked for public comment. Fire/Rescue Chief Prickett stated a positive opinion regarding the city website.

Reports –

A. Mayor – Mayor Bohlen explained a program through WCEDC and USDA for grant money to purchase a city hall facility. Funding covers 75% of project if approved and balance can be financed for 40 years at 1% over prime interest rate. Bohlen felt the City should consider applying for this.

B. Public Works – Absent/No report

C. Fire/Rescue – Zack Prickett reported the attack vehicle is currently out of service pending replacement of computer module. Training course set up in station for the following Monday training meeting. Prickett invited council members to attend the session.

D. Council – No committee reports from council members to report. Council member Johnson stated additional time will be needed to complete the proposed animal control ordinance. Council member Goldsberry inquired as to status of felled trees and request of rock placement near the post office alley.

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Brad Herrold reported the TAP application (sidewalks) is being completed by Snyder & Associates for submittal in January.

Council Business – A summary report submitted by Barb Mentzer with regard to code compliance matters for Papa Toad was reviewed and discussed. Council member Goldsberry requested Mentzer perform a physical walk-thru of the building with property owner(s). Lou McCormick stated “Safe Building”, the Mayor and Clerk wants the building shut down. McCormick stated Barb Mentzer placed postings on “Facebook” that music could be heard at her residence south of the city limits. Mayor Bohlen emphasized the facility needs to be in compliance with local codes. Lou McCormick stated Barb Mentzer is biased as is the Mayor and City Clerk. Mayor Bohlen advised McCormick to obtain an attorney prior to making personal accusations. Council member Goldsberry would like reports delivered in more simplified language. Lou McCormick requests occupancy for 300 people. Council requested Mentzer review minimum occupancy standards. Goldsberry, Prickett, Barb Mentzer and Lou McCormick

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will participate in the walk-thru if agreed to by Ms. Mentzer. Brad Herrold explained the conditions under which the current liquor license by MonaLou Trading Post has been approved by the council. Mayor Bohlen will contact Barb Mentzer with the requests of the council. Discussion was held on the progress of the card access security system. The door adjoining city hall and the fire station needs to be replaced and wired. A web access program to set up remote review needs to be installed. Zack Prickett will oversee implementation of installation and provide system details to the Mayor and city hall. Discussion was held with respect to payment of invoice for installation. Council advised splitting invoice 3 ways among departments for a total of \$1080.00 each. The installation invoice was included in the council packets for approval. Brief discussion on progress from committee reviewing current animal control ordinance. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Peterson TO TABLE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE REVISIONS UNTIL THE JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Meeting times will be re-established among committee members. Discussion was held regarding enforcement issues for proposed changes of the ordinances. Attorney Robert Benton advised consideration of changes with respect to several years in the future. Fire apparatus committee report – Mack Rankin provided details of his discussion with Wells Fargo Bank. A 7 year traditional loan using the fire truck as collateral with quoted rate of 1% plus prime would yield an annual payment of \$38,000.00. Quarterly payments are available as an option. A conventional 10 year at ½ to 1% plus prime rate is available also. The bank requests all banking activity to be done with their bank. Mayor Bohlen emphasized that general obligation bonds are typically sold to finance these types of purchases. Robert Benton advised speaking with bonding attorneys again to continue the purchase process. Mr. Rankin will contact Great Western and Peoples Banks for additional quotes. A date for the annual organizational council meeting was chosen by the members. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Peterson TO HOLD THE CITY OF HARTFORD ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. AT HARTFORD CITY HALL. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Additional issues and comments regarding the building official were addressed.

Agenda topics next regular meeting – Animal control ordinance revision, fire apparatus finance

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Mayor Bohlen adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Larry Bohlen, Mayor