

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
City of Hartford
Minutes of Regular Meeting/Public Hearing
June 16, 2015

The regular meeting with public hearing of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday June 16, 2015. Mayor Mike Rodman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members answering roll call included Mark Goldsberry, Stefanie Johnson, Kim Dingeman, Joe Hammond and Amanda Peterson. Members absent: None Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

Nate Carhoff of Snyder & Associates was in attendance.

Staff members present included Zack Prickett, Fire/Rescue Chief, Doug Peebler, Public Works Director and Brad Herrold, Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Dingeman TO APPROVE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2015 REGULAR MEETING WITH MINOR CHANGE TO "REPORTS" AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed city financial and fire/rescue reports for months of May 2015. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Johnson TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MAY 2015 CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Hammond TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MAY 2015 FIRE/RESCUE REPORT. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$26,731.22 and additional bills in the amount of \$850.23. Mayor Rodman reviewed presented claims prior to the meeting. Clarification for claims for ATV windshield repair. Rodman deferred reviewing claims as he does not vote. Motion by Dingeman and seconded by Goldsberry TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. A cigarette renewal application from Git-n-Go Store #16 was reviewed. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF CIGARETTE PERMIT FOR GIT-N-GO STORE #16. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor Rodman welcomed guests and asked for public comment with a limit of 2 minutes. No public comment was presented.

Reports – Public Works – Doug Peebler reviewed seal coat and overlay pricing from vendors with the council. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson to ACCEPT SEALCOAT BID FROM L.L. PELLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,683.65. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Peebler supplied report from IDNR lagoon inspection. Council member Dingeman reported culvert at East & Paints Streets is plugged. Discussion was held regarding developing a contingency plan for power at the lagoon. Brad Peterson of Carlisle presented the council a proposal for mowing of abandoned in the City. Doug Peebler will coordinate with Peterson when to mow properties if required. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Johnson TO ACCEPT BID PROPOSAL FROM "POWER SERVICES" FOR MOWING SERVICES. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Fire/Rescue – Zack Prickett reported a grant application has been submitted to IDNR for wildland gear. Department received grant from Struthers Brothers for an ATV. The department will need to provide funds to equip with a tank to use on grass fires. The water tank on the tanker truck is rusted and leaking. Approximate cost to replace with poly tank is \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00. A grant has been received for training of 6 department members for EMT. Prickett would like to install industrial ceiling fans in fire station. Additional radios will be required for communication outside the County. Zack can equip trucks at a cost of approximately \$60.00 each. Agenda item 10J was discussed. Zack Prickett will contact attorney Benton to discuss fine/fee schedule for fire department. Council Committees – Goldsberry, Peterson; no report. Hammond, Johnson; discussed with Peebler preferred street projects. Kim Dingeman explained "Yard of the Month" program. Clerk – Brad Herrold reported the franchise fees collected for 1st quarter of 2015 in the amount of \$6,309.56. Herrold discussed the city election process recently changed by the legislature and new obligations for

June 16, 2015

Page 2

candidates. A concept drawing of the Git-N-Go highway sign was presented to council members for review. An email from Ahlers & Cooney regarding purchase of fire apparatus was reviewed with council. Mayor – Mayor Rodman stated the flower planters for the park have been acquired. The Mayor requested council members help with soliciting of donations and to volunteer help to place the planters and benches in the park. The next “Hometown Pride” with WCEDC staff will be held on July 6th at 6:00 p.m. in city hall. Bids for removal of 2 trees in the park were read and reviewed. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO ACCEPT BID OF \$250.00 FROM MORRIS TREE SERVICE FOR FELLING OF 2 TREES AND STUMP GRINDING. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation – Nate Carhoff, Snyder & Associates. Nate reviewed the 2011 sewer rate study. Rates were based on estimated 2.5 million upgrade to the existing lagoon system to meet permit requirements. Rates were projected for annual 10% increases. As the new permit is probably 5 years out, Carhoff felt city officials could proceed with 5% rate increases and evaluate after 4 years. Council members agreed to continue with 10% annual rate increases as originally proposed. A scope and fee schedule to find easement documents and pin easement for a portion of the sewer system was discussed. An update was provided for the lift station rehabilitation project. A progress report regarding obtaining additional easement land near the lift station was provided.

Public Hearing – Amendment of Fiscal 2015 Operating Budget/Mayor Rodman opened the public hearing for consideration of amendment of the fiscal 2015 operating budget and asked for public comment. No public comment was presented. City clerk Brad Herrold reported no oral or written comments have been received at city hall regarding the amendment. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Hammond TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council Business – Agenda item 10(D) an abatement progress report was heard. Owners of 130 N. Reynolds gave a report on their progress with addressing the abatement issues. The council directed the owners to contact the building official to discuss potential problem areas. Council advised owners to complete outside work at this time and have that work inspected. An extension was given until the August 2015 regular meeting. The owners agreed to appear at the August meeting with an additional progress report. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 061615-1, AN APPROVAL OF FISCAL 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Goldsberry TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 061615-2, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING A 28E AGREEMENT WITH PALMYRA TOWNSHIP FOR FIRE/EMS SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding consideration of Ordinance No. 99 (Urban Chickens). Mayor Rodman felt written authorization by adjoining neighbors should be required and placed in ordinance. Discussion regarding enforcement procedures. Rodman felt specific fines for violations should be placed in ordinance prior to passage. Council members felt a fine schedule should be adopted for all animals in the community. Motion by Dingeman and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 99/AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED “URBAN CHICKENS”. Roll call vote: Johnson; aye, Dingeman; aye, Goldsberry; nay, Peterson; aye, Hammond; nay. Motion carried 3-2. Motion by Dingeman and seconded by Peterson TO WAIVE 2ND AND 3RD READINGS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 99/AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED “URBAN CHICKENS”. Roll call vote: Hammond; nay, Peterson; aye, Dingeman; aye, Goldsberry; nay, Johnson; aye. Motion carried 3-2. A fine and fee schedule for animal control issues will be reviewed at the July regular meeting. Mayor Rodman designated Sophia Eckert to contact existing property owners with poultry to review ordinance requirements. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE GRANT PROCESS POLICY AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Johnson TO APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE EFFECTIVE 6-16-2015. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. A concept drawing for update of the gazebo electrical system was reviewed and discussed. Minor changes to the plan prior to solicit of bids will be discussed with the electrician. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE SCOPE AND FEE SCHEDULE WITH SNYDER & ASSOCIATES FOR FIELD EASEMENT LOCATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,900.00. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 21, 2015 TO AMEND CHAPTER 99 SEWER SERVICE RATES. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman stated he is

June 16, 2015
Page 3

interested in obtaining a corn crib to be placed on his property. He will contact the building official for terms and conditions and permits. Council requested progress report with non-permitted property owners. Mayor Rodman stated he will attempt to coordinate meeting with all parties with regard to the Trading Post.

Agenda topics next regular meeting – Public Hearing/Chapter 99 Sewer Service Rates, fine/fee schedules, nuisance properties

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Michael Rodman, Mayor