

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
City of Hartford
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday May 19, 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 and Joe Hammond. Members absent: Amanda Peterson Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

Robert Benton of Stuyvesant & Benton was in attendance.

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

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Dingeman TO APPROVE MEETING AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEM 8(C) ORDINANCE NO. 99. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Dingeman TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING WITH INCLUSION OF "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE" AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed city financial and fire/rescue reports for months of April 2015. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Johnson TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE APRIL 2015 CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE APRIL 2015 FIRE/RESCUE REPORT. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$10,342.28 and additional bills in the amount of \$4,747.21. Council member Johnson reviewed presented claims prior to the meeting. Johnson received clarification for claims for lift station repairs. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Goldsberry TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Class C Liquor license renewal application from Hartford Sportsman's Club was presented. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Dingeman TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HARTFORD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor Rodman welcomed guests and asked for public comment with a limit of 2 minutes. Polly Petry introduced herself to speak later in the meeting. Ken Schmitz of 620 Jalea Street request his street be swept or dust control applied. Discussion was held regarding the street right of way adjacent to the old highway. Council member Hammond recommended the City retain the existing right of way. Doug Peebler stated dust control spray could be considered.

Reports – Council Committee – Goldsberry reported property did not reject additional easement acquisition request. No terms established. Recommended the proposed easement be pinned for visual for both parties. Doug Peebler requested permission for temporary fence prior to getting funding for construction upgrades at lift station. Council member Hammond advised Washington and Reynolds Streets be considered and quoted for sealcoat. The culvert settling on Washington is in need of repair. Council member Dingeman will meet with Betterment Committee to discuss park projects. Public Works – Doug Peebler reported the lagoon building has been vandalized with window and door glass being broken. Sheriff report was filed and glass has been replaced. Discussion was held regarding security at lagoon and public works building. Discussion was held regarding installing gates on existing fences to access sewer line easements and staking of permanent easements. Discussion was held about properties not being mowed and maintained. City attorney will review existing ordinance. Fire/Rescue - Chief Prickett reported Medicare will inspect the city facility next week. Discussion was held about parking of repair vehicles in front of city park awaiting repair at body shop. Mayor Rodman and Doug Peebler will speak with property owner(s). Prickett stated the compressor for the SCBA machine is defective and cost for rebuilt motor is \$500-\$1000.00. Mayor – Mayor Rodman provided an update from the 5-18 meeting with WCEDC staff. The Mayor commended the Clerk and public works director for completing assigned projects. The Hartford "Yard of the Month" campaign was

discussed. This event is to commence June 1st. application is finalized and will be submitted next week. Clerk - Brad Herrold supplied "Quality of Life" survey of Hartford resident prepared by Iowa State University for review and file. The City will receive a premium credit of \$1,477.21 from the property and casualty carrier. Herrold reported the capital note loan proceeds have been deposited in the city account for the fire apparatus. MidAmerican Energy will be upgrading the gas service feeder line through the lagoon property into the city in July or August of this year.

Council Business – Brian Peterson representing MonaLou Trading Post requested additional street closure dates for events to be held on June 12th and June 13th. Clerk Brad Herrold stated outdoor service permits for those dates will need to be submitted to Alcoholic Beverage Division prior to the events. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Johnson TO APPROVE STREET CLOSURE FOR OUTDOOR SERVICE EVENTS FOR MONALOU TRADING POST TO BE HELD ON JUNE 12TH AND JUNE 13TH 2015. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman inquired as to added security for the outdoor events. Peterson stated there have been no incidents for prior events through the years. Polly Petry spoke for Lou McCormick on his behalf. Petry provided council members with folder of info including certificate of liability insurance, statement from insurance carrier regarding dram coverage, fire marshal inspection report and electrical inspection report from Wonderlin Electric. Petry stated the inspection report prepared by the State Fire Marshall identifying compliance issues has all been completed. Discussion was held about installation and cost of sprinkler system in the building. Fire Chief Zack Prickett stated structural changes to the building have been made. Prickett stated he would re-inspect the building. Council member Dingeman stated changes and improvements must be approved by city building official with appropriate building permits. Dingeman felt city officials should see a copy of lease indicating intended use of the building between property owner and tenant. It appears no response from Mr. McCormick or his attorney as requested by city attorney Jim Nervig in an e-mail dated April 10, 2015 has been received as of date. Polly Petry read the e-mail and entered same into public record. Petry stated all parties have been released from liability issues with respect to use of the building. No action taken by the city council regarding this matter. Mayor Rodman will attempt to coordinate meeting with city attorney and building official. Discussion was held regarding renovations and improvements to the city park(s). Improvements to the gazebo park were the #1 priority by the committee. Mayor Rodman advised two (2) trees should be removed to prevent damage to the gazebo. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Dingeman TO FELL TWO (2) TREES AND GRIND TWO (2) RELATED STUMPS WITH LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Estimates for gazebo rewire and roofing will be obtained by Mayor and Clerk. Mayor Rodman stated the committees have agreed to proceed with purchase and installation of three (3) metal flower planters for installation at the park. This will be a cost-share with the City and Betterment Committee. Mayor Rodman stated the Betterment group will contribute garage sale proceeds to the cause. Mike will solicit contributions from local business and city service providers. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Johnson TO PROCEED WITH GAZEBO PARK PROJECTS. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Council member Goldsberry reported the approximate cost for three (3) flagpoles and concrete would be \$2,000.00. Discussion was held to place these at entrance to town by present city sign. The current city sign estimate to replace would be \$2,500 to \$3,000.00 to replace. Council advised rehab of current sign. It was recommended to remove teeter assembly in city park and replace with new piece of equipment to be determined. Ordinance No. 99 deferred to the June regular council meeting; no action taken. The grant process/policy was not available from the city attorney. The Mayor, attorney and Clerk will meet to discuss and prepare documents for consideration at the June council meeting. The tests performed by Ames Environmental regarding asbestos and lead paint in the current city hall were reviewed by the council. No action taken on upgrades to the current city hall facility. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF FISCAL 2015 OPERATING BUDGET FOR JUNE 16, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to issue letter for follow-up of nuisance abatement and have party provide report to the council. Connie Goldsberry requested on behalf of the Presbyterian Church that Paint Street be closed on June 26th from 4-8:30 p.m. for an event. Live music will take place with completion by 8:30 p.m. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Johnson TO APPROVE STREET CLOSURE OF PAINT STREET ON JUNE 26TH FROM 4-8:30 P.M. It was advised a committee be established to address nuisance properties in the community. Mayor Rodman recommended the City obtain a contractor to perform the mowing of any nuisance properties.

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Agenda topics next regular meeting – Ordinance No. 99 (Urban Chickens) 1st reading, Lift station property easement consideration, fiscal 2015 budget amendment, grant process/policy consideration, nuisance properties

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Michael Rodman, Mayor