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City of Hartford
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Mayor Mike Rodman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members answering roll call included Joe Hammond, Mark Goldsberry, Mike Rodman and Kim Crook. Members absent: Amanda Peterson and Stefanie Johnson. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

John Judisch of Stuyvesant, Benton & Judisch was in attendance.

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

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

Budget Workshop – Clerk Brad Herrold distributed final tax certification sheets to council members. Questions about proposed fiscal 2016-2017 operating budget was discussed. Council member Peterson arrived at 6:05 P.M. The proposed tax levy will be a reduction of 34 cents of taxable property valuation in the community. Council members discussed nuisance abatements and probable costs to be included in the budget. The Clerk and council stressed the importance of retaining the current property valuations in the City. Discussion was held regarding department budget accounts and funds and allocation of funds to same. Council member Hammond felt the council has done a commendable job with the budget process. The regular session resumed at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Rodman requested revision to the January 19th regular meeting minutes regarding purchase of safety boots for public works personnel, specifically noted that the City has provided for this purchase in previous budget years. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING WITH AMENDMENT. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Crook TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JANUARY 2016 CITY FINANCIAL REPORT AND JANUARY 2016 FIRE-RESCUE REPORT. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$8,358.68 and additional bills in the amount of \$2,900.25. Council member Crook reviewed claims prior to the meeting. Crook was satisfied after reviewing current claims. Motion by Crook and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS AS PRESENTED. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor Rodman welcomed visitors and guests and asked for public comment. Connie Goldsberry reported the Betterment Committee has received the 503(c) designation status from the IRS. All non-profit entities in the community have the appropriate status. Council member Crook requested copies of the designations for file.

Reports – Public Works – Mayor Rodman stated no public works report tonight due to passing of Doug Peeblers' father. The Mayor stated that only council members will discuss the agenda topics under council business. Rodman commended Peebler for pushing snow during this time. The Mayor will work with public works to prepare for Spring with respect to street signs and various culvert issues. Kim Crook stated the culvert at E. Paint and East Streets need addressed. Fire-Rescue – Chief Zack Prickett reported a new ISO application has been filed and ISO personnel requested a meeting tomorrow. Prickett and council member Hammond are working to make needed repairs on the tanker unit. Hammond may be able to repair the ambulance oil pan problem. The fire department

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website address is harffordiafire.com. Committees – Parks/Kim Crook reported all grant applications have been submitted. Chamber of Commerce grant was not approved. Streets/Joe Hammond stated he will work with Doug Peebler on addressing Spring projects. Council member Goldsberry stated no snow will be piled on city sidewalks as it causes blind spots for drivers. Clerk – Brad Herrold distributed information regarding LOSST ballots for all of the communities in Warren County. Herrold provided update on remaining budget process including final certification date. Mayor – Mayor Rodman stated the Warren County Emergency Management commission needs an alternate delegate for the City. Kim Crook will serve as elected official and Zack Prickett volunteered to serve as alternate. The unused gas meter at the water plant facility will be removed. Rodman read letter from IDOT regarding pipe/flume repair at Highway 5 with no cost to the City. John Judisch will contact IDOT for information referencing relocating utilities in the project area. The Mayor requested the Clerk contact “HomePages” directory personnel to include information on local ordinances prior to publication. Discussion was held about sending a floral arrangement to Doug Peebler. Goldsberry stated public funds could not be used for this type of purchase.

Council Business - John Judisch reported Robert Benton has provided sample zoning and ordinance information to council members with respect to the mobile home park. Goldsberry stated the City intends to adopt ordinance of City of Pella. Hammond stated he has meeting notes and will get back with Benton. A fire/ems agreement extension was requested by trustees of Richland Township. Council members reviewed the approved resolutions provided by the Clerk from the Trustees. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Crook TO PASS RESOLUTION 021616-1, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR RICHLAND TOWNSHIP THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Council reviewed proposed agreement draft from Richland Township for snow removal services in the cemetery. Council advised legal and Clerk to re-draft agreement and present to council for approval at the March regular council meeting. Ordinance No. 102 (Open Burning) Chapter 105 Section 05 was discussed. Changes made by the city attorney with respect to recreational fires time and open burning time were changed to original draft form. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE AND PASS THE 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 102 (OPEN BURNING) WITH REVISIONS AND WAIVE 3RD AND FINAL READING. Ordinance passed and approved February 16, 2016. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Owners of property at 130 N. Reynolds addressed the council about progress being made on the premises. Kelsey Stanton stated many items have been accomplished but the new inspection report details additional items. The roof is planning to be replaced as well as defective siding. The building official advised having a licensed design professional visit the property and view the inside to determine if building is structurally sound. Council members recommended having this done prior to investing considerable amount of money into the property. John Judisch stated the property is a nuisance by definition. Discussion was held as whether the structure will be lived in. Judisch stated a structural engineer should make an opinion if the home is to be occupied. Kelsey Stanton stated the owner will not sell the property. Council member Goldsberry and Mayor Rodman requested owner contact building official or licensed design professional and have the inside inspected and provide an opinion. The owners agreed to having a design professional inspect the property and provide a report to the council at the April 19th regular council meeting. Goldsberry requested the interior contents be taken to the landfill and not burned on the premises. Mayor Rodman requested movement by the owners on the project. Discussion was held about the upcoming special election for the local option sales and service tax in Warren County. Mayor Rodman stated he will provide printed information to residents whom attend the Thursday evening “Meet the Mayor” event at city hall between 5:00 & 7:00 P.M. Council members stated if measure passes the revenue generated will be used for the best needed purpose in the City. It was emphasized that if the measure passes in other communities and fails locally, Hartford will not receive any proceeds but residents will stay pay the 1% tax on select purchases in the County. The abatement report for the property on Walnut Drive is being prepared by the building official. A bid from Morris Tree service for removal of trees and vegetation on the East & George streets right-of-way was reviewed. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE THE BID FROM MORRIS TREE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 FOR REMOVAL OF TREES AND VEGETATION IN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE FUNDING REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00 FROM “IMPACT” COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (Formerly Red Rock Community Action Program) FOR FISCAL 2016. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously The March regular council meeting date will need changed to accommodate the public hearing requirements for the 2016-2017 fiscal budget. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO SET DATE FOR THE MARCH 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND SET

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DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FISCAL 2016-2017 OPERATING BUDGET AS MARCH 08, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Council member Hammond stated street lights must be completely out prior to replacement with LED lighting. Clerk Brad Herrold reported the monthly phone bill will be reduced \$32.00 and is attempting to get account representative to review circuit to circuit fees. Council member Crook requested large animal container. Brief discussion about animal control.

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Crook to adjourn meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Michael Rodman, Mayor