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City of Hartford
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Mayor Caroline McNamar called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members answering roll call included Caroline McNamar, Mark Goldsberry, Kim Crook and Joe Hammond. Members absent: Stefanie Johnson and Amanda Peterson. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

Nate Carhoff of Snyder & Associates and Robert Benton of Stuyvesant, Benton & Judisch were present.

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

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

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2017 REGULAR AND JUNE 26, 2017 SPECIAL MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Council member Peterson arrived at 6:34 P.M.

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JUNE 2017 CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JUNE 2017 FIRE-RESCUE REPORTS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$17,643.99 and additional bills in the amount of \$71,009.02, inclusive of street repair invoice from LL Pelling Co. in the amount of \$62,417.70. Council member Hammond reviewed claims prior to the meeting. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Crook TO APPROVE CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL CLAIMS AS PRESENTED. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor McNamar welcomed visitors and guests and asked for public comment. Connie Goldsberry reported the park equipment has arrived in Carlisle awaiting installation date. Mayor McNamar stated the Betterment Committee will contribute \$1,500.00 toward the equipment and installation.

Reports – Mayor/ Mayor McNamar had no other topics in addition to the park contribution stated prior. Public Works/No report - Absent Fire/Rescue/Zack Prickett reported the department addressed 7 fireworks calls over the Holiday. Discussion was held regarding the department Jeep co-owned with the City of Carlisle. Unit is in need of repairs and Carlisle is not interested in unit to split repair costs. Prickett stated the UTV unit, if acquired will replace the Jeep. Discussion was held about title transfer of the Jeep. The storm siren has been repaired under warranty, has been tested and is fully operational. Driving tests have been completed by department members. Council Committees/No reports. Clerk/Brad Herrold reported the work comp insurance premium increased 60% from prior year due to claims. The loan documents for public works truck are being prepared and should be closed on next week. The street work has been completed for 2017 with good results and it has been reported a tentative offer has been placed on the North View development.

Presentation – Nate Carhoff of Snyder & Associates gave a progress report on wastewater treatment plant load allocation report that has been prepared ahead of schedule. The completed plan may be presented to the full council or the committee members only at the discretion of the Council. A separate meeting with the committee members will be scheduled for early August. Carhoff stated alkaline may need to be added to water supply for treatment of wastewater at the plant. The zoning review committee met on June 22; the next scheduled meeting will be August 24th for work session for changes and comments. An estimated date for council approval of revised ordinance is scheduled for October or November of 2017. The survey for the property on highway 5 has been completed and

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boundary line info is being obtained from Warren County. The completed documents will be forwarded to the City Attorney for preparation of deed to complete transfer of the property.

Council Business – Sewer bill waiver consideration was heard by Harvey Blanchard of 200 N. Vine. A water burst under his property resulting in water/sewer bill approximately \$2,500.00 or 183,000 gallons usage. Blanchard stated the water was absorbed into the ground and did not access the sewer system. Council inquired as to the average usage per month. Blanchard stated 4,000 gallons. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO ADJUST THE 6-23-17 UTILITY STATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 N. VINE STREET TO 4,000 GALLONS USAGE. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will refund the excess sewer charges directly to the homeowner. The homeowner is responsible for the payment(s) to the water district. Ordinance No. 55 (Animal Protection & Control) was reviewed and briefly discussed. The Clerk will draft a revised ordinance for review at the August and subsequent council meetings to amend the current ordinance as written. Council members are encourage to contribute their ideas to the Clerk during the process. Correspondence between the City Clerk and building official were reviewed with respect to open permits. Council member Peterson stated she could assist the Clerk with needed information. Discussion was held regarding obtaining another entity to monitor zoning and permit issues at the mobile home court as “Safe Building” cannot commit to providing the service as previously agreed upon. The Clerk inquired of the council members if they had any interest in establishing a planning committee to advance issues pertaining to the completed municipal building study with respect to public facilities. Council member Goldsberry stated he would like the council to consider options to update the infrastructure of the City. Attorney Robert Benton advised the Council consider holding a special meeting of all council members to address the topics. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO HOLD A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 31, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT STUDY. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. City attorney Robert Benton updated council members on open legal issues. A trial will be held September 24, 2017 regarding property at 130 N. Reynolds Street. Officials from “Safe Building” will be the primary witnesses for the City. Council member Peterson stated the insurance adjuster for paint damage claims has been treated poorly by local residents. Council member Hammond stated the actions were warranted.

Agenda topics next regular meeting/Public-Council - Animal control ordinance, Urban Chicken ordinance delegate

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond to adjourn meeting at 7:40 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor McNamar adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: Caroline McNamar, Mayor