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City of Hartford
Minutes of Special Meeting
February 7, 2018

A special meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers at Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Mayor James Buzzard called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. Members answering roll call included James Buzzard, Joe Hammond, Amanda Peterson, Dana Smith and Kim Crook. Member absent: Mark Goldsberry. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

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

The purpose of the meeting was a budget workshop for the fiscal 2018-2019 year.

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

Public Comment – Mayor Buzzard welcomed guests and asked for public comment. No public comment was presented.

Council Business – Public works director Peebler provided an update on dump truck repairs being completed by O'Halloran International. Plowing can be performed with utility truck at this time. Dump truck will need tires in next fiscal budget year. The city tractor currently has 2500 hours logged and will need repair work budgeted also. Discussion was held regarding disposal of tractor and acquiring skid-loader unit with attachments. Attachments are also available for rental when needed. No formal action taken on acquisition of unit. Chief Zack Prickett advised checking state-bid pricing. Peebler would like to budget to obtain tailgate sander that will accommodate wet materials at approximate cost of \$2,500.00. Discussion was held regarding time frame to relocate the public works facility. Peebler advised getting the existing structure insulated at approximate cost of \$7-8,000.00 as heating unit was installed last fall. The need for additional cold storage space for public works equipment was discussed inclusive of rental units. Peebler advised budgeting \$10,000.00 through the sewer utility fund for manhole raising and repairs. Other budget items include trash pump for lagoon (\$5,000.00), road stone for dikes (\$3,000.00) and a portable generator for multi-department uses (\$5-8,000.00). Clerk Brad Herrold stated city officials should consider purchasing a generator to power city hall or fire station in case of disaster or perils in the community. A good source to fund the item would be through the emergency fund levy collected by the City on an annual basis. Fire/Rescue Chief Zack Prickett reported the ambulance will need to be replaced over the next 2 years. The unit has 30k miles but appears to be losing power. The halogen lighting should be replaced with LED at approximate cost of \$4,000.00. Flood lights are out on old engine; can be replaced with LED at cost of \$2,000.00. The two portable generators on large engines need replaced at cost of \$4,000.00. Prickett would like to contract Integra-Vault to encrypt computer firewall for the department at cost of \$2,700.00. The 2001 chief suburban vehicle has numerous mechanical issues due to age and mileage. Prickett advised obtaining crew cab pick-up that will accommodate 5 people at an approximate cost of \$12-15,000.00. The IDOT vehicle auction may be good source to locate potential truck. No council commitment on topic at this time. Discussion was held regarding Warren County communication system upgrade and cost to community. Prickett stated he has re-filed documents for ISO review for city residents to possibly lower insurance costs. Council member Hammond advised Clerk to consider funding in new budget of \$50,000.00 for demolition of water plant structure and city hall improvements.

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Crook TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Buzzard adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: James Buzzard, Mayor

