

## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

City of Hartford  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
January 30, 2018

A special meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the council chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mayor James Buzzard called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor James Buzzard, Joe Hammond, Dana Smith and Amanda Peterson. Members absent: Mark Goldsberry and Kim Crook. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

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

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Hammond 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 – The primary purpose of the session was to discuss topics for the fiscal 2018-2019 operating budget. The budget schedule as prepared by the Clerk was reviewed and discussed. The March regular council meeting will need to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month) to accommodate the budget public hearing and certification of new budget by March 15, 2018. Publication of the proposed budget and notice of public hearing will be published on March 1, 2018 in the Carlisle Citizen. Discussion topics included law enforcement hourly price increase from Warren County and consideration of pricing with another community. Levels of police service and contract were discussed. Mayor Buzzard felt large capital project expenditures in department budgets be curtailed pending completion of bidding for sewer lagoon construction and related costs to fund the project. The Mayor felt local sewer rates will certainly be impacted by the project. Discussion was held regarding acquisition of sand/salt for winter street maintenance and impact on street department budgets and removal of water plant tank/media and demolition of building. Council members Peterson and Smith would like to see park improvement projects. Talks were held regarding TAP (sidewalk to school) grant program and sidewalk repairs at city hall and fire station. Public Works Director Doug Peebler stated the City may want to consider acquiring bids by next fall for contract mowing services at lagoon and along frontage road rather than employing a part-time employee in the Spring and Summer months. Peebler also discussed possibility of widening S. Vine Street at ravine at Dayton Streets to accommodate foot traffic and act as sidewalk. The Clerk provided document illustrating funding sources (exp. bonding & loans) which may be utilized by city officials when needed. An additional workshop will be scheduled so department heads may present their budgets for the new fiscal year. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO HOLD BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Please note earlier meeting start time.

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson to adjourn meeting at 7: 43 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Buzzard adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: James Buzzard, Mayor