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City of Hartford
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Tuesday August 18, 2015. Mayor Mike Rodman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members answering roll call included Mark Goldsberry, Amanda Peterson and Joe Hammond. Members absent: Stefanie Johnson and Kim Dingeman. 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 Peterson and seconded by Hammond TO APPROVE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Goldsberry TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed city financial and fire/rescue reports for months of July 2015. Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Hammond TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JULY 2015 CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Peterson and seconded by Hammond TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JULY 2015 FIRE/RESCUE REPORT. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included claims in the amount of \$5,045.71 and additional bills in the amount of \$26,231.59 inclusive of sealcoat invoice from LL Pelling Co. Council member Hammond reviewed presented claims prior to the meeting. Council member Dingeman arrived at 6:35 P.M. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mayor Rodman welcomed guests and asked for public comment with a limit of 2 minutes. John Jensen of stated all work completed for property at 120 E. Elm and has been inspected. Jensen inquired as to process for tax abatement for improvements. The City Clerk will provide application for tax abatement to the Jensens.

Reports – Public Works – Doug Peebler deferred report to agenda topics later in meeting. Fire/Rescue – Zack Prickett reported the new fire apparatus will be picked up the weekend of August 30th from Wisconsin. 3 department members have started EMT classes with funding from a Warren County grant. The City will remit the training fees from an invoice from DMACC and be reimbursed by the County for the classes. Prickett stated the tanker truck tank is leaking badly. Council member Hammond stated he may be able to assist the department in repairing the tank. An open house will be held 10-12 to dedicate the new fire engine. Council committees – Discussion about recent storm issues and facility problems or damages. Council member Hammond stated street repair projects were done well. Council member Dingeman reported yard of the month nominations have been received inclusive of the month of November. A paint the park event is scheduled for September 19th beginning at 8:30 A.M. Morning and afternoon shifts are scheduled for volunteers. Deadline for philanthropy grant from Warren County is November 1st. The next Betterment Committee will be held September 14th beginning at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. A booth will be established at Carlisle “Pumpkin Days” courtesy of the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce. Mayor – Mayor Rodman recommended the building permit application and contact information be placed on the city website. Mayor would like to consider acquiring an enclosed bulletin board to be placed at entrance to City Hall. Scrap metal, debris and junk will be hauled away by local salver and proceeds will be split with salver and City. Mayor Rodman stated WCEDC has funding available for small business and startups that meet the criteria. Clerk – Brad Herrold stated nomination papers are available 8-24 thru 9-17 and must be filed with the County Auditor by the person seeking office. September 17th is also deadline for special election ballot items. A meeting with local resident regarding easement acquisition will be held August 21st at city hall. The annual road use tax report due October 1st will be available for review and approval at the September regular council meeting.

Presentation – Smothers Properties LLC – Laura Acres Subdivision/Taylor Smothers of Carlisle spoke to the council regarding the 8 lots he has acquired in the Laura Acres subdivision. Mr. Smothers expressed interest into developing the property with townhomes, 4 plex, 8 plex or apartment buildings. Smothers would like to install a storm drain to the north of the property lots and fill in the existing ravine. Townhouses would have association established whereas apartment structures would be built and managed by Smothers Properties. City officials directed Mr. Smothers to discuss potential projects with city engineer and develop a concept plan.

Council Business – Robert Benton provided a report on meeting with Warren County Sheriff Brian Vos with respect to increasing law presence in the community and assist with local ordinance issues. Sheriff Vos provided Benton with a compendium containing scheduled fines at the State level. Many Hartford local ordinances do not have stated fines in place. Sheriff Vos advised his department continue to write fines for traffic code violations on the State code and administered through the County. These infractions are logged against individual driving records. Local traffic enforcement with reference to ATV, golf carts, skate boards, animal control, snow parking violation, etc. can be done through stated fines for local jurisdiction. The Sheriff's office could write citation(s) from local Hartford ticket books if local fines are adopted and provided to his office. Local tickets issued by officers would be administered through the local city hall offices and not County Clerk of Court. Robert Benton stated contested fines and tickets would result in larger legal fees to represent the City. Mayor Rodman recommended a committee be established to review local ordinances and codes and prioritize needed local fines if needed. Committee members include council members Peterson, Johnson, Fire/Rescue Chief Prickett and resident Sophia Eckert. The Mayor recommended the Fire Chief work with Sheriff Vos to hold a "Bike Rodeo" event in the community. A progress report for nuisance abatement was provided by owners of 130 N. Reynolds. The property has vehicles removed, wood and weeds removed from behind the structure, burn pile removed from front yard and decayed fascia boards have been replaced. The eaves will be removed and replaced. Council advised the owners to meet with the building official to discuss progress of his report. Mayor Rodman requested council approve the addition of street lights at the lagoon facility for employees working facility after working hours. Also advised acquiring safety harness and tether for entering pits when working alone. Rodman also recommended consideration be given to constructing guardrails at streets abutting large storm drainage ravines at various places in the City. The Mayor advised council members Hammond and Johnson meet with city engineer Nate Carhoff to consider options for placement. Discussion was held regarding improvements to the city hall facility and preservation of the existing bank building inclusive of establishing a museum at the site. Connie Goldsberry talked about an app referencing the underground railroad. Goldsberry recommended establishing a local committee to discuss building possibilities. Information will be posted on the city website to seek interest. Council members advised public works to obtain paint and related materials for the park painting event in September. CEU training and related mileage reimbursement for the public works director was approved by the council. Discussion was held regarding the repair of the ditch and street at Vine & Hammond. City staff will attempt to stabilize concrete on Hammond Street. Storm water drainage and runoff from North Street will be discussed with Nate Carhoff of Snyder & Associates prior to proceeding with work. Council member Hammond will coordinate meeting with Nate. Hammond stated the bid from C.L. Carroll for lagoon blower replacement is acceptable. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO ACCEPT BID FROM C.L. CARROLL CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,960.00 FOR REPLACEMENT OF LAGOON BLOWER. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Hammond and seconded by Peterson TO APPROVE \$4,000.00 PAYMENT FOR EMT CLASSES TO BE REIMBURSED BY WARREN COUNTY. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously. A can drive container will be located at city park on behalf of the Betterment Committee. Brief discussion regarding urban chickens and mobile home park nuisance and safety issues. Connie Goldsberry talked of the PPEL renewal meeting to be held at the school on August 29th.

Agenda topics next regular meeting – Fine/fee schedule, law enforcement, Fiscal 2015 Road Use Tax Report

Motion by Hammond and seconded by Goldsberry to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rodman adjourned the meeting.

