OFFICIAL PUBLICATION City of Hartford Minutes of Special Meeting December 23, 2016

A special meeting of the Hartford City Council was held in the Council Chambers at Hartford City Hall, 150 W. Elm Street, Friday, December 23, 2016. Mayor Pro-tem William (Joe) Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Members answering roll call included Joe Hammond, Mark Goldsberry, Stefanie Johnson and Kim Crook. Members absent: Amanda Peterson. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance was recited by meeting attendants.

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

City Attorney Robert Benton of Stuyvesant & Benton was in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy of Mayor due to the resignation of Michael Rodman.

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

<u>Public Comment</u> – Mayor Pro-tem Hammond welcomed guests and asked for public comment. No public comment was presented.

<u>Council Business</u> – Council member Crook stated Caroline McNamar is willing to be considered a candidate to complete the Mayoral term. Fire-Rescue Chief Zack Prickett inquired as to whether other items can be added to special election ballots. Attorney Robert Benton reported there is typically no conflict of interest issues with husband/wife serving on a city council. Council member Crook stated she was not fond of that council structure.

Motion by Crook and seconded by Johnson TO APPOINT CAROLINE MCNAMAR AS MAYOR TO COMPLETE TERM OF RESIGNED MAYOR MICHAEL RODMAN. Roll call vote: Johnson; aye, Crook; aye, Hammond; aye, Goldsberry; nay. Motion approved 3-1.

Robert Benton briefly explained process to remove inactive council person from office. Excerpts from the Code of Iowa detailing procedure(s) were distributed to the council members. 3 votes are required from the Council to approve a resolution or ordinance regarding removal of an individual from office. This topic will be further evaluated at the January regular council meeting.

Motion by Goldsberry and seconded by Crook TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:14 P.M. Voice vote: Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-tem Hammond adjourned the meeting.

Brad Herrold, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: William (Joe) Hammond, Mayor Pro-tem