

**CITY OF HARTFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HARTFORD CITY HALL 6:30 PM
150 W ELM ST
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

Attendees present in person or via video: Mayor Kandi Petry, Council Members: Sophia Eckert, Haldean Wilson, Gregory Jennings and Rhonda Lanphier. Absent: Council Members: Andrea Jors. City staff in attendance - Clerk Cynthia Crippen, Public Works Senior Steve Eckert and Fire Chief David DuShane II.

Mayor Petry called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: Clerk presented the line-item budget numbers to the council.

MINUTES: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Lanphier approving the minutes from December 17, 2024. Motion carried 4-0.

RECEIVE AND FILE: Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve Sheriff report from December 2024, Fire report from December 2024 and Fire-EMS 2024 year-end report. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

EXPENDITURES: Motion by Lanphier, seconded by Wilson to approve for the period December 14, 2024 – January 17, 2025. Motion carried 4-0

PAYROLL: Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve for period of December 14, 2024 – January 17, 2025. for Kandi Petry, Sophia Eckert, Andrea Jors, Haldean Wilson, Rhonda Lanphier, Greg Jennings Steve Eckert, Austin Stansbery, Jed Hampton, David Smith and Cynthia Crippen. Motion carried 4-0.

MAYOR - Welcomed guest and no public comment.

REPORTS – Clerk, Fire Chief, Mayor and Public Works

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Consideration & Possible Action

Street Sign Replacement – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$3,130.70 of Road Use dollars for new double sided street signs. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 012125-1 City's Employee Handbook Compensatory Time – Motion by Lanphier, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Legal Fees Sidewalk/WW Improvements – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings approving legal fees for the Sludge removal to be charged to the Sewer fund. Motion carried 4-0.

Accounting Software – tabled to February meeting so that council has time to review gWorks new agreement.

Fire Station Camera Replacement – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Lanphier to approve \$179.80 ICAP Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

Sidewalk – Updates - Mayor gave an update.

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS: Consideration & Possible Action

Jensen-Tax Abatement– Garages -Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve Motion carried 4-0.

McDonald-Business Plan – Presented a plan to turn HWY 5 Auto Sales office into a video arcade/Ice Cream stand will submit building permit to Safe Building.

Board of Commission Application – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve Kim Crook for Planning & Zoning and Johanna Phillips for Board of Adjustments. Motion carried 4-0.

Dustin Brown, 130 George St-Alley – Clerk will start the process for the sale of the abutting alley.

Lagoon Camera – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$389.80 of the ICAP grant for a new camera for the lagoon. Motion carried 4-0.

Prairie Meadows Grant – City will apply for replacement of the slide & merry-go-round at the park
Fire Department will be submitting an application as well.

Tac 10 – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$500 from Fire Operational. Motion carried 4-0

AFG 2025 Grant – Fire Engine – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$50,000 of LOSST dollars to be paid back with Fire Department revenue. Motion carried 4-0

AFG 2025 Grant – Air Compressor – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$3,500 of the operating budget. Motion carried 4-0.

Warren County Philanthropic Grant – Fire Chief will be applying for 2 sets of gear with matching budget dollars.

Resolution 012125-2 Transfer of Clerk Reserve Funds for Wages – Motion by Lanphier, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Set Budget Tax Levy Public Hearing – March 25, 2025 @ 6:00 pm- Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Metro Waste Scrap Tire Program – Scheduled for June 14, 2025

PW Logo Embroidered Coats – 4 – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve \$300. Motion carried 4-0.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Add to February Agenda:

Vander Ploeg – Invoice

Warren Water response

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to adjourn meeting at 7:46 pm; motion carried 4-0.

Cynthia Crippen, Clerk

Kandi S. Petry, Mayor

Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council-final approval may include corrections.