

**CITY OF HARTFORD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HARTFORD CITY HALL 6:30 PM
150 W ELM ST
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

Attendees present in person: Mayor Kandi Petry, Council Members: Sophia Eckert, Gregory Jennings, Laura Edenburn, and Angel Wells. Absent- Andrea Jors. City staff in attendance - Clerk Cynthia Crippen, and Assistant Fire Chief John Atkin.

Mayor Petry called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Budget Amendment Fy 2026: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Wells to open Public Hearing. Motion carried 4-0. Clerk went through the line item changes for the amendment. Motion by Edenburn, seconded by Jennings to close Public Hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Eckert to approve the minutes from Regular Council Meeting January 20, 2026, and Special Council Meetings January 6, 2026 and February 3, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

RECEIVE AND FILE: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Edenburn to approve Sheriff report from January 2026, Fire report from January 2026 and 2025 Year End Fire-EMS Report. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Expenditures: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Edenburn to approve for the Period January 17, 2026 – February 13, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Payroll: Motion by Jennings, seconded by Edenburn to approve for Period of January 17, 2026 – February 13, 2026. for Steve Eckert, Dave Smith and Cynthia Crippen, Motion carried 4-0.

MAYOR – Welcomed guest no public comment.

REPORTS – Reports given by Mayor, Clerk, and Public Works

COUNCIL BUSINESS: Consideration & Possible Actions

Resolution 021726-1 Approving Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2025-2026 – Motion by Jennings, seconded by Edenburn to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 021726-2 Approving a Transfer of General Funds to the LOSST Funds – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 021726-3 Assessment of Unpaid Utility Charges – 225 Dayton St. – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 021726-4 Assessment of Unpaid Utility Charges – 645 Jalea St. – Motion by Jennings, seconded by Eckert to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 021726-5 Assessment of Unpaid Utility Charges – 700 S. Vine St - Motion by Jennings, seconded by Eckert to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 021726-6 Approving and Authorizing the form of Loan and Disbursement Agreement and authorizing the issuance of the Notes to the Iowa Finance Authority - Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 021726-1 Amending Chapter 106.08.02 Recycling – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve 1st Reading. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 021726-2 Amending Chapter 106.08-01 Solid Waste - Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve 1st Reading. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 021726-3 Amending Chapter 69.11.12 No Parking Zones - Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve 1st Reading. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings. Motion carried 4-0.

List Old Tanker with Purple Wave – Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mayor presented the 2022 Plan due to be renewed in 2027 & has asked council to review and will revisit in May 2026

Department Strategic Plan – Mayor has asked department heads to review and update & will revisit in May 2026.

Fire Station- Building – Assistant Chief Atkin presented plans for a new building for apparatus, replacing the 2 accessory buildings.

Resolution 021726-7 Approving and Authorizing Use of Local Option Sales Tax for the Fire Station Building - Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to approve. Motion carried 3 Ayes - Eckert, Jennings and Edenburn. 1 - Nay -Wells.

Sidewalk – Mayor is still reviewing all of the documents for the Fund Agreement.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Eckert asked about pictures from the Santa Event – clerk found that not all of the pictures sent to be printed and will get that done asap.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Eckert, seconded by Jennings to adjourn meeting at 8:08 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.