

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009

The combined workshop/regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Ted Johnson

Members present: Austin, Dockter, Hall, (7:43pm) Latus, Keyser, Rios, and Johnson.
Staff present: Akinwale, Rodney-Isbrecht, Gray, Staunton and Beltran

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – update on Center & Main Street Intersection, the meeting scheduled with the Contractors did not take place in December due to the inclement weather. The Contractor and MDOT are aware of the issues and will be meeting and submitting a proposal for corrective action. Usually MDOT projects are too be closed out in 90 days, this project has been granted an additional 180 calendar day extension, this will allow for corrective action in the spring.

Public Comment:

- ❖ Ron Sefcik, Hartford Township Supervisor, in response to the request for a joint meeting with the City the township would prefer not to have a meeting unless there is a specific purpose. Also wanted to extend an invitation to the annual Chamber dinner on February 10 at the VBISD, the speaker for the evening will be from the sheriffs department, giving a presentation on ID theft. There will be a strawberry festival committee meeting on January 27, 7:30pm at City Hall; the Chamber will be submitting an application to use the park and streets for the festival.

Communications were:

- a. The Mayor recognized the Police Chief, Ramon Beltran for his investigative skills in solving two felonious crimes in the City.
- b. The City is being honored for their work on the multi-jurisdictional project with the City of Watervliet and Townships of Hartford and Watervliet on the I-94 corridor project. The ceremony will be at Five Pines on February 3 at 9:30am.
- c. Council members who wish to attend the Chamber dinner on February 10 please let the clerk or treasurer know so they can submit the rsvp.
- d. Consumers Energy has submitted an application for cost recovery. The hearing will take place at the MPSC offices in Lansing on February 10 at 9:00am.
- e. Hyett/Palma will be here February 3 to gather information for the Blueprints for Michigan Downtowns and will be meeting with the Commissioners following the community meeting at 7:00pm at the High School/Middle School Cafeteria.

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Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept Report*** –
- ***Department of Public Works*** – has done a good job removing snow, and has not had any major repairs to equipment. Requested that residents run water at night to circulate water through the system to prevent ice build-up in the water tower, the clerk will make an adjustment for excess usage above the average. Appreciation was expressed for keeping the sidewalks clear for the kids walking to and from school. Would like to remind homeowners if they have someone plow their driveway whom ever they hire should not be putting the snow on the sidewalk. The homeowner is responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their home, the commissioners would like to see this enforced.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** – there have been large amounts of water being processed at the plant. The wells at the plant have gone bad and are no longer usable. Water is needed in the lab and for the treatment process. Richcreek has given an estimate for the repair of the wells, will also seek an estimate for drilling a new well. DEQ is requesting a backflow preventor be installed on the well.
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** –
- ***List of Bills*** - \$142,965.48
- ***City Managers Report*** – Blueprints project; stretching the budget due to excess snow plowing and removal, excess salt and overtime, in the spring there are pot holes to fill; Recreation Council has met and changed some language in the interlocal agreement once it is signed by the Township, City and the School it will need to go to the attorney and a copy submitted to the Secretary of State, the recreation council will be coming to the commission and township requesting a millage proposal for the November ballot; A notice of intent is ready for the south parking lot improvement, \$40,000 of approved funding has been set aside; the City is being recognized with the Graham Woodhouse Award for the collaborative effort of the four municipalities on the I-94 corridor project.

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios, to approve the minutes of the **DECEMBER 15, 2008** combined workshop/regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried

Motion by Dockter, supported by Keyser, to approve the minutes of the **JANUARY 10, 2009** special meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried

Goals/Objectives:

Seeking funding on the South parking Lot; there are \$400,000 reserved for the Blueprints for Michigan Downtowns on façade projects, an invitation has been extended to the downtown property owners to sign up and commit to the project. It will be easier if there are several projects going at the same time, there are two property owners who are committed to the project.

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Approval of Reports:

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to approve the **DECEMBER** Departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried

Motion by Rios, supported by Hall, to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$142,965.48**

Motion carried

Old Business:

Discussion on city wide trash service, the next step would be to hold a public hearing. The City Manager has met with both garbage services that serve our community; they will need a spec in order to submit a bid or proposal. The Mayor appointed a committee of Dockter and Akinwale to get some pricing and additional information.

New Business:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios, to authorize the City Manager to submit a notice of intent for the South Parking Lot Improvement Project in the amount of \$329,000

Motion carried

Resolutions:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Latus, to adopt Resolution 2009 – 001 approving application for obsolete property rehabilitation exemption certificate for parcel#80-52-402-001-00 also know as 1 West Main Street.

Motion carried

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios, to adopt Resolution 2009 – 002 approving a liquor license to Hartford Motor Speedway Dirt, Inc.

Discussion: this is a class c license which is beer & wine on premises. This may prevent large amounts of liquor, beer and wine from being brought in coolers and assist in regulating consumption.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Keyser, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht
City Clerk