

CITY OF HARTFORD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2010

Mayor Ted Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Rodney Austin; Frank Dockter; Rick Hall; Leo Latus; and Ted Johnson.

Members absent: John Miller (called to be excused)

Staff present: Akinwale; Rodney-Isbrecht

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6 – 0

**Guests:**

- ✓ Mickey Bittner – Wightman & Associates – West Main Street resurfacing project, contractor has corrected the man hole cover at Marion Ave. South Parking Lot project, replaced a tree that was under warranty. South/Oak Street, extended storm sewer at Oak and South Haver, presented pay estimate 001 to Brenner Excavating for work completed, and change orders 002 and 003 covering storm sewer repairs, sanitary sewer replacement and additional paving on Oak from Wendell Ave to Olds Ave.
- ✓ Judge Buhl, Van Buren County Circuit Court – presented the 2009 annual report for the 36<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit court.

**Public Comment:**

- ✓ Jeff Fuller, Mary Street – concerned about incorrect notices being sent out for notice to mow referencing the old ordinance.
- ✓ Lynn Attila, Chairperson for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Watervliet, invited the Commissioners, and Community to attend the celebration.

**Communications were:**

- a. City Hall will be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- b. Stuart Wheaton, seeking his Eagle Scout status, delivered two handicap accessible picnic tables, the department of public works will secure them in Ely Park.
- c. The Van Buren County old health and cemetery drain: Petitions were filed March 2009 with the drain commissioner to address flooding of land, streets and basements. June 2009 a public hearing was held with the board of determination. This project was estimated to cost \$420,000.00 but the bids came in much lower, the County has awarded the Contract and construction should begin in July 2010. Cost of repair/replacement has been apportioned to those within the drain district. Notice of their apportionment has been sent, collection will begin with the 2010 tax bill; the City's share will be \$6,771.48 each year for the next 10 years.
- d. Earlier this year an application was submitted for grant monies to install a new well at the iron removal plant, the application was approved however the funding for the grant ran out, the City has been invited to re-apply for a grant through the American recovery investment act. The cost of the project is \$505,000 including the City's match of \$64,000.

**Approval of Commission Minutes:**

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter, to approve the minutes of the **May 24, 2010** regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

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Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Dockter, supported by Latus, to approve the minutes of the **June 21, 2010** workshop meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

**Goals/Objectives:** None

**Approval of Reports:**

Motion by Hall, supported by Austin, to approve the **May** departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall, to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$78,146.30**

Motion carried 6 – 0

**Old Business:**

Motion by Hall, supported by Pleyer, to accept Diana Blair's resignation from the Board's of Review & Election.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Austin, to submit a notice of intent to apply for an infrastructure capacity enhancement project grant to install a new well and re-commit \$64,000 as the City's match of the \$505,000 project.

Motion carried 6 – 0

**New Business:**

Motion by Hall, supported by Pleyer, to accept the proposal for a joint Master Plan with Hartford Township from Southwest Michigan Planning Commission in the amount of \$17,070.00 of which the City's portion will be \$8,535.00.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter, to approve pay estimate no. 001 in the amount of \$161,016.02 to Brenner Excavating for the South/Oak Street project.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Austin, supported by Hall, to approve change order no. two in the amount of \$19,490.00 and change order no. three in the amount of \$7,371.00 on the South/Oak Street project.

Motion carried 6 – 0

**Resolutions:** None

Motion by Hall, supported by Pleyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk