

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2010

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

Members present: Austin, Dockter, Hall, Latus, Miller, Rios, and Johnson.
Staff present: Akinwale, Rodney-Isbrecht, Gray, Staunton and Beltran

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter, to approve the agenda as to include resolution 2010 – 003 to install a new well at the iron removal plant; to include 2nd and final pay estimate for the south municipal parking lot and to accept the minutes of the January 9th special year in review meeting.

Motion carried

Guests: Mickey Bittner, Wightman's & Associates – the gates were installed on the trash receptacles, Northern Construction will come back in the spring to address the restoration needs, this will close out the project, recommends pay estimate 006 for \$16,487.11 to Northern Construction for work completed on the south parking lot.

Public Comment:

- a. Jeff Fuller, 24 Mary St, requested the commission repeal ordinance #174 grass ordinance.
- b. Mary Novak, 407 Bernard St, spoke against the grass ordinance
- c. Rick Austin, 202 Shepard St, spoke against the grass ordinance
- d. Kathy Burnett, 22 East St, spoke against the grass ordinance
- e. Billy Sikes, 208 North Maple St, spoke against the grass ordinance

Communications were:

- a. Notice of hearing for the gas customers of Consumers Energy Company, February 9, 2010 @ 9:00am at the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing MI
- b. Public Act 215 has passed allowing municipalities to require rental inspections of trailer parks, this State Law will go into affect next month.
- c. Hartford Area Chamber will have their annual dinner February 23, at 6:00pm at the VBISD.
- d. Notice of intent to drill a new well at the iron removal plant, allowing a loop at the Bennett sub division, this will improve flow with-in the water system and act as the back-up well to meet DEQ requirements.
- e. In order to meet State purchasing deadlines the City will need to order a new squad car by next month to be delivered for July 2010, this vehicle will replace the Ford Explorer which has 80,000 miles and is starting to need additional repairs.

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Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to approve the minutes of the DECEMBER 21, 2009 combined workshop/regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to approve the minutes of the JANUARY 9, 2010 special meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 1 (Miller Abstained was absent from the meeting)

Goals/Objectives: Working on closing out the south municipal parking lot so the City can apply for additional grant opportunities. The state does not allow you to have too many open projects and could deny a new grant application. Also writing the application for a new well at the Iron Removal Plant, deadline is February 15, 2010.

Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept Report*** – no ordinance officer report submitted
- ***Department of Public Works*** – apologized for any scraped yards during snow removal, and will repair as necessary in the spring.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** –
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** –
- ***List of Bills*** - \$181,479.16
- ***City Managers Report*** – North Center Street Railroad Crossing; South parking Lot Reconstruction; West Main Street Railroad Crossing Project; Façade Improvement Project at 27 West Main Street; Needing to appoint a construction board of appeals, a date will be set to hear an appeal from the owners of the theater building at 29 West Main Street.

Approval of Reports:

Motion by Latus, supported by Pleyer to approve the DECEMBER Departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$181,479.16**

Motion carried

Old Business:

Reading of Ordinance 305 – 09 Regulating use of Temporary storage units and Ordinance 306 – 09 limiting the duration of use of temporary trash garbage receptacles. The Council recommended a few changes to the ordinance and be brought back for a first reading. Several form letters were received asking the council to not approve the ordinances being considered.

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New Business:

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer for the police department.

Motion carried 6 -1 (Dockter voting No)

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to appoint Mark Wendt, Rick Hall and Tim Kling to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two year term.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to approve pay estimate 006 to Northern Construction Company for \$16,487.11 for the South Municipal Parking Lot

Motion carried

Resolutions:

Motion by Dockter, supported by Pleyer, to adopt Resolution 2010 – 001 setting the Poverty Guidelines.

Motion carried

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall, to adopt Resolution 2010 – 002 Van Buren County Solid Waste Plan amendments.

Discussion

Motion by Latus to withdraw his earlier motion to gather more information before approving the amendments, will bring back to the February 22, 2010 council meeting.

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus to adopt Resolution 2010 – 003 to apply for an infrastructure capacity enhancement project.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht
City Clerk