

CITY OF HARTFORD  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2010

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

Members present: Frank Dockter, Rick Hall, Leo Latus, John Miller, John Pleyer, and Ted Johnson.

Members absent: Rodney Austin

Staff present: Akinwale, Rodney-Isbrecht, Beltran, and Staunton

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

Motion carried

**Guests:**

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Absent, bid opening for the South/Oak Street Water Improvement project will be March 17 at 2:00pm at City Hall.
- Resident Gregg Ruppel, Complaint concerning a dog along Main Street, the complaint was turned over to the police department.

**Public Comment:** None

**Communications were:**

- a. Community Hospital will have a business after-hours and free health screens for the first 50 people on March 18, 2010, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- b. Van Buren County Sportsman's Club will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Ely Park on April 3 at 1:00pm with a rain date of April 10.
- c. Department of Energy & Economic Growth has scheduled a hearing to change the mechanical construction code for April 1 9:00am in Okemos MI
- d. Hartford Float Committee has made a request for donations to build the 2010 Hartford Community Float
- e. There will be a Census worker available at the Hartford Library to answer questions and assist with forms from March 22 – April 19, 2010, Monday from 1:00pm – 7:00pm, Wednesday from 1:00pm – 6:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

**Goals/Objectives**

- a. 2010 – 2011 Budget
- b. Ely Park improvement project, expansion of the pavilion and improve handicap assessability.
- c. Water reliability study and assessment of the wastewater treatment plant.

**Reports submitted:**

- ***Police Dept & Ordinance Report*** – Officer Day has retired, Officer Simpson has taken over his shift.
- ***Department of Public Works*** –
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** –
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** – Commissioner Dockter would like to see some resources set aside to repair local streets.

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- **List of Bills** - \$99,809.05
- **City Managers Report** – Master Plan update, the planning & zoning commission has met with the township, they will meet again on March 20,10:00am, at City Hall, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission has been asked to submit a proposal to facilitate the joint master plan; Theater Building Update, the construction board of appeals met and the owners have been given specific dates for a plan of action, estimates for the enclosing of the building to make safe were due March 12, may have to demo the building if no action is taken; Façade Improvement project, 7 West Main and 27 West Main have signed contracts and will begin construction; Proposed Ely Park Improvement, a public hearing has been scheduled for March 22, 7:30pm during the regular commission meeting; Proposed South/Oak Street Water Improvement Project, bid opening will be Wednesday, March 17, 2:00pm, at City Hall, a recommendation will be brought to the next meeting for approval; Proposed Waste Water Treatment & Water Plant Assessment and reliability Study action plan will be about \$25,000.

**Old Business:**

- Second Reading, of Ordinance no. 306 – 10, an ordinance limiting the duration of use of temporary trash, garbage receptacles, roll off construction dumpsters or other similar units and assessing fee.  
Public Comment: Resident Jeff Fuller spoke against the adoption of this ordinance.

**New Business:**

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to leave Ordinance no. 174 pertaining to grass and noxious weeds as written.

Motion carried

Motion by Miller, supported by Pleyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk