

CITY OF HARTFORD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2011

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; John Miller; and Ted Johnson.

Members absent:

Staff present: Akinwale; Gray and Rodney-Isbrecht

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

Motion carried 6 – 0

Public Hearing:

Motion by Dockter, supported by Miller, to recess the regular meeting of the Hartford City Council to hold a public hearing on the 2011/2012 budget.

Motion carried 6 – 0

The proposed budget represents the best estimate that can be expected regarding the City's ability to maintain the quality of service that we provide in view of the economic challenges facing our community. Estimated revenue will be 2.2 percent lower compared to last year. Expenditures for the proposed budget is 1.8 percent higher than the current budget because of two projects that are being carried over. The Joint Master Plan with Hartford Township and the Ely Park Development Project, the cost of these two projects is estimated at \$18,500.

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus, to close the public hearing and resume the regular council meeting.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Guests:

- ✓ Mickey Bittner and Chris Cowgill – Wightman Jones – gave an update on well #6 construction and recommended pay estimate no. 004 in the amount of \$15,516.00
- ✓ Ed Riley, Hartford Fire Chief - requesting permission to place a fire apparatus and equipment millage renewal on the November 2011 ballot.

Public Comment:

- a. Jan Kelly, Hilliard Street Resident – was asked to speak at the Memorial Day Services, due to the turnover at the American Legion no one had asked permission to use the streets and Ely Park, seeking volunteers to make the parade happen this year due to the disorganization. Line up will be at 10am at the High School parking lot and ending at Ely Park for the services.
- b. Jeff Fuller, Mary Street Resident, submitted petitions to make two changes to the City's charter making the City Manager appointment a vote of the people, and any ordinance new or amended must be voted on by the people.

Communications were:

- a. Next Step in the Joint Master Plan with Hartford Township is the Public in-put session which will be at the Hartford High School Library, June 7, 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- b. Farmers Market to begin June 5 thru September 25, 1:00pm – 4:00pm in Ely Park.

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- c. Concerts in the Park will begin June 2, 7:00pm
- d. Hartford Senior Services Center has opened at the Hartford United Methodist Church
- e. Notice of hearing from I & M at the Public Service Commission requesting a cost recovery and energy optimization recovery from their customers.
- f. Nominating petitions are now available from the Clerk's office for the November 8, 2011 election. Three commission seats and the Mayor seat will be voted on. Filing deadline is August 16, 2011 at 4:00pm
- g. Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Hall responded to a recent letter to the editor written by Commissioner Austin. The Mayor asked for Austin's resignation.

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Dockter, supported by Miller, to approve the minutes of the **May 16, 2011** workshop meeting of the Hartford City Commission as corrected and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to approve the minutes of the **April 25, 2011** regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Approval of Reports:

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to approve the April departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Miller, supported by Hall, to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$132,807.51**

Discussion: Shopping locally when possible.

Motion carried 4 – 2 (Austin & Dockter voting no)

Old Business:

Five letters of interest were received to fill the remainder of Commissioner Pleyers term. Dennis Goss; Kathleen Jenks; Terry Tibbs; Christopher Gatties; and Bill McLaughlin.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hall to accept John Pleyer's resignation and thank him for his service to the Citizens of Hartford and appoint Terry Tibbs to fill the remainder of his term ending November 2011.

Motion carried 5 – 1 (Austin voting no)

Commissioner Tibbs was sworn into office by the Clerk.

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus to approve the Police Offers Union Labor, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013 contract as presented.

Motion carried 4 – 2 (Austin & Dockter voting no)

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New Business:

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus, to approve the Hartford Fire Board request to renew the expired millage on the November 2011 ballot to purchase fire apparatus and equipment.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Dockter, supported by Miller, to approve pay estimate no. 004 to Concord Excavating & Grading in the amount of \$15,516.00 for the Well #6 Construction & Water Main Improvements Project.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Resolutions:

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 013 approving the 2011/2012 Budget as presented.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 012 accepting Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants for Ely park improvements.

Motion carried 5 - 1 (Austin voting no)

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 011 approving the change of National function class for 60th and Olds Ave.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 010 approving the change of National function class for Edwin Street.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Miller, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 009 approving the change of National function class for Marion Ave.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus, to adopt Resolution #2011 - 008 approving the change of National function class for Prospect Street.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Latus, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion carried 6 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk