

CITY OF HARTFORD
REGULAR COMBINED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2009

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Austin; Dockter; Hall; Keyser; Latus; Rios and Johnson.

Members absent:

Staff present: Akinwale, and Rodney-Isbrecht

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios, to approve the agenda as amended to add Craig Patterson, WODA Development under Guests.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests:

- ✓ Mickey Bittner – Wightman & Associates – pre-construction meeting has been set for July 28, 2009 at 10:00am City Hall for the South Municipal Parking Lot. Northern Construction was awarded the contract. Notification will be sent to the business owners once the time line has been set.
- ✓ Mark Bahnon, Bloomingdale Communications Inc. – have applied for stimulus monies to install a fiber optic ring. This would allow the schools and the VBISD to connect on one line. If awarded the monies it will take about two years to complete. Requesting a resolution of support from the council.
- ✓ Craig Patterson – WODA Development – Made an appeal to the board of review regarding the taxes on the property, the board of review recommended WODA ask the Council for a reduction in taxes through PIOLT program. The Mayor recommended a committee be formed to gather information, work with the assessor and WODA, and make a recommendation to the Council. Austin, Dockter and Latus will be on the Committee.

Public Comment:

- ✓ The Hartford Recreation Council would like to seek a millage for the November 3, 2009 ballot.

Communications were:

- a. Meeting with the railroad and MDOT at the North Center Street crossing regarding the MDOT recommended improvements, if there is no compromise the City Manager and Attorney will have to make a trip to Lansing for a hearing.
- b. AEP is forming a speaker's bureau to educate the public about their business.

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to approve the minutes of the **JULY 20, 2009** workshop meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Rios, supported by Keyser, to approve the minutes of the **JUNE 22, 2009** regular meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Goals/Objectives: None

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Approval of Reports:

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

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$122,220.78**

Motion carried 7 – 0

Old Business:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios to adopt Resolution #2009 – 009 in support of Bloomingdale Communications proposal to construct a fiber optic ring in Van Buren County.

Motion carried 7 – 0

New Business:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Dockter, to accept Danna Robbins resignation from the Board of Review.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Rios, supported by Latus, to appoint Dora Portillo of 410 South Center Street to the Board of Review.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Keyser, to increase the current mileage rate to the federal mileage rate of \$0.50.5 cents per/mile.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Rios, supported by Latus, to accept Debra Keyser's resignation as City Commissioner effective July 28, 2009.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Mayor Johnson presented Commissioner Keyser with a gift of appreciation and thanked her for her service to the community. The Commission will accept letters of interest until August 10, 2009 at 4:00pm and appointment a candidate at the August council meeting.

Resolutions:

Motion by Rios, supported by Keyser, to adopt Resolution #2009 – 10 supporting a millage renewal for Fire Apparatus & Equipment.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Motion by Rios, supported by Keyser, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 P.M.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk