

CITY OF HARTFORD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 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; Latus; Rios and Johnson.

Members absent:

Staff present: Akinwale, Gray and Rodney-Isbrecht

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to approve the agenda as amended to add Resolution 2009 -11 amendment.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Public Hearing:

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to recess the regular meeting to hold a public hearing to discuss an application for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the Downtown Façade Improvement Project.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Application has been tentatively approved and funding appropriated upon completion of the requirements. Two businesses will benefit in this round of funding, 7 West Main Street approved for \$17,000.00 and 27 West Main Street approved for \$83,237.00. Both owners will have to invest a match of dollar for dollar, when complete the City will have two very nice businesses.

Motion by Rios, supported by Hall to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Guests:

- ✓ Mickey Bittner – Wightman & Associates – Consumers Gas Company has begun work on the south parking lot. Service tie ins will begin tomorrow they have requested two weeks to complete new gas lines and the 17 service connections. The Council made a request that Consumers remove the old gas lines however this is not common practice and the City can only make the request. Recommends pay estimate no. 001 work completed to date by Northern Construction. West Main Street mill & resurfacing will begin September 21st. West Main should be open to traffic during the construction.
- ✓ Bob Gerbel – Gerbel & Company - gave an overview of the audit and a clean opinion of the City's finances. If the City were not to take in any revenue it could continue to operate for about 10.8 months. The City is in very healthy financial condition but should continue to spend cautiously with the state of the economy in Michigan. What the City has been able to accomplish and continue to have a healthy fund balance is something to be proud of.

Public Comment: None

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Communications were:

- a. Senior Expo Day, August 26, 2009 at the VBISD Tech Center from 9:00am – 2:00pm
- b. Letter from State Representative Tonya Schuitmaker congratulating the City on the Community Block Grant award of \$100,237.00.
- c. The City will be recognized by the State for its economic development efforts which will be hosted at the City of Hartford on September 4, 2009 at 10:00am refreshments and 10:30am award presentation.
- d. Committee Meeting update: Board of Review Request from WODA Development, the committee will meet again on September 1, 2009 at 1:30. The Committee has requested additional financial information from WODA. The State will make a determination if the applicant is eligible for the PIOLT program but the City can determine the length of time they are on the program and make recommendations.

Approval of Commission Minutes:

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to approve the minutes of the **AUGUST 17, 2009** workshop meeting of the Hartford City Commission as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Latus, supported by Dockter, to approve the minutes of the **JULY 27, 2009** regular 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 Rios, to approve the **JULY** departmental reports as presented and place them on file.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Dockter to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of **\$112,969.86**

Motion carried 6 – 0

Old Business:

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios to appoint John Miller to fulfill Commissioner Keyser's term expiring November 30, 2010.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Mr. Miller was sworn into the office of City Commissioner by the Clerk.

New Business:

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall, to approve pay estimate no. 001 to Northern Construction Services, Corp. for work completed on the South Municipal Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$6,377.11.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls October 9 – 11.

Motion carried 6 – 0

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Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to increase approve the Old Engine & Tractor Parade September 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to accept the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant as presented in the amount of \$206,671.00.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Resolutions:

Motion by Latus, supported by Rios, to adopt Resolution #2009 – 12 to adopt Resolution 2009 – 12 supporting a Community Development Grant Application for Downtown Façade Improvement Projects.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Rios, supported by Hall to adopt Resolution 2009 – 13 supporting a Joint Grant Application to Partnership for Change Sustainable Communities.

Motion carried 5 – 1 (Austin voting No)

Motion by Latus, supported by Hall, to adopt Resolution 2009 – 14 accepting the 2008 – 2009 audit.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Austin, supported by Latus, to amend Resolution 2009 – 11 changing the collection years to 2010 – 2014.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 P.M.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk