

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

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

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

Members absent:

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

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

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Brenner Excavating is completing the punch list on the South/Oak Street project. Recommends approving pay estimate no. 004/Final in the amount of \$141,393.52 upon completion of the punch list to the satisfaction of the Council and approving contract modification 004 increasing the amount of the contract by \$4,624.51.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Fuller, 24 Mary Street, requesting the Council fire the Clerk for not doing her job, he felt there was corruption in the way the petitions for charter change was handled and didn't feel the Clerk was able to run an un-biased election. The Mayor read a letter from the City's Attorney stating the Council did not have the authority to overrule the clerk's decision on the validity of the signatures that were submitted.
- Randy Rach, South Maple Street, did not agree with the decision of the Clerk regarding the petitions to have a charter change put on the ballot.
- Mary Novak, Bernard Street, also did not agree with the decision of the Clerk. Robert Latus, North Maple Street, Complimented Mr. Collins of South Center and Oak on how nice his property was and Mickey Bittner worked with him on the construction project to complement his property.
- James Fuller, Mary Street, wants a special election held regarding the petitions.

Communications were:

- a. Indiana & Michigan Power will have a Public Hearing regarding a rate increase, September 21, 9:00am at the MPSC in Lansing.
- b. Senior Services will be hosting an organizational informational meeting on September 29, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the John H. Dominguez Building in Lawrence.
- c. Knights of Columbus would like to hold their 48th annual tootsie roll sale October 8 – 10, 2010, there was no objection from the Council.
- d. Hartford Lions Club is organizing the Christmas in the Park on December 11, 2010, please contact Judy Sinclair to volunteer or for more information at 621-4870

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Goals/Objectives:

- a. Two grant applications for the Farmers Market have been submitted and working on the third application.
- b. Waiting on the grant agreement for the well replacement project.
- c. A prospective investor has expressed interest in the City's Marion Ave property for development.

Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept & Ordinance Report*** – Commissioner Austin wants the ordinance officer to be fired, he feels those duties are the responsibility of the Police Chief. Austin would like the Council to vote on the position of having an ordinance officer or not. The City Manager will bring information to the next meeting regarding the ordinance officer position.
- ***Department of Public Works*** –
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** –
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** – None Submitted, the treasurer was on vacation.
- ***List of Bills*** - \$184,436.35
- ***City Managers Report*** – Proposed Casino Water Service Inquiry; Old Hartford Theater Building; City Property on Marion Avenue; Well Replacement Project.

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Pay estimate 004/Final to Brenner Excavating in the amount of \$141,393.52
- Contract Modification 004 increasing the amount of the South/Oak Street Contract by \$4,624.51

Introduction of Ordinances & Resolutions; Public Hearings:

- Resolution 2010 – 11 Senior Services Millage – Jennifer Carver from Senior Services of South Haven was available for questions.

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M.
Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk