

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2009

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

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

Members absent:

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

Motion by Keyser, supported by Rios to approve the agenda as amended to add discussion on the City trash pick-up bids.

Motion carried

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Met with MDOT and Contractor representatives on the intersection paving, manhole covers, they will submit a proposed work plan and schedule by written response to the engineer. The West Main Street reconstruction project is scheduled by MDOT for a July letting, the State has 49 days to award the contract and should begin early September.
- Pete Sinclair, Medic One – provided information on Medic One's annual report.

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- ❖ The Van Buren County Drain Commission held a meeting for the Board of Determination at Hartford Township Hall on the Health & Cemetery Drain for the Western section which is in the Township; the Eastern part of this drain is in the City. There has not been a petition submitted for the repair of the Eastern section of the drain at this time.
- ❖ The hearing scheduled for the railroads petition protesting work required by MDOT at the crossing on North Center Street has been changed to July 21, 22 and 23rd in Lansing at 9:00am, the City is not protesting the work and will not be attending this hearing.
- ❖ The Planning Commission has reviewed the Blueprint for Michigan Downtowns and is recommending the Council adopt the plan.
- ❖ The City would like to upgrade the street signs and add the City's logo to them, while we can not afford to have all of them made at one time, we will be changing them as needed beginning with the Main & Center intersection.
- ❖ After some discussion on making the street lights uniform in color, the DPW Superintendent is experimenting with a new bulb that has ballast built into the bulb. The street light in front of the bank has the new bulb in it, the only draw back is florescent bulbs do not work really well in the extreme cold. The current bulbs are about \$135.00 each while the one under experiment is about \$65 + a \$3.00 adaptor.
- ❖ City equipment, the 1988 Bobcat and golf cart, are no longer needed. The City will accept bids on the equipment until Monday, April 27 at 2:00pm
- ❖ Steve Mullins sent a letter thanking Lieutenant Tresa Beltran for her assistance and professionalism, and complimented her on a job well done.

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Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept Report*** – the new state law concerning golf carts has been published in the latest news letter. The Commissioners would like to see the ordinance officers data added to the report.
- ***Department of Public Works*** – 4.692 million gallons were pumped for the month of March, the sewer plant treated 21.871 million gallons, there is increasing infiltration, it would be a good time to have some of the sewer lines televised and poly lined if needed.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** – there was a sewer line collapse behind city hall on Tower Drive that required an emergency repair, not sure how this affect the budget until the invoice is received.
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** –
- ***List of Bills*** - \$151,078.34
- ***City Managers Report*** – I – 94 Corridor Development Plan Update; WODA update; West Main Street Reconstruction; South Parking Lot Project.

Old Business:

Complaint from Commissioner Dockter to remove the large trash bin from 35 West Main St, it is full and the wind is blowing the trash out of the bin.

New Business:

- ❖ Requests from the American Legion Stoddard Post 93 to use Ely Park and Streets for the Memorial Day Parade and services.
- ❖ Request from the Watervliet Post 6803 Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold their annual “Buddy Poppy” sale may 7 – 9, 2009
- ❖ The Mayor will be attending the Miss Blossomtime Ball in May to present Miss & Mr. Hartford with the keys to the City.
- ❖ Presented the proposed 2009 – 2010 Budget Summary, the May 18 Commission meeting date has been set for the budget hearing at 7:30pm.
- ❖ Discussion on the garbage RFP’s received: Two bids were received, Reliable Disposal and Best Way Disposal. The bids were not as low as the Commission had expected, by the time admin costs are added to the amount it would be about what customers are currently paying.

Motion by Hall, supported by Keyser, to move forward with providing City wide garbage service and set a public hearing date.

Austin - Yes; Dockter -Yes; Hall – No; Keyser – No; Latus – No; Rios – No; Johnson – No

Motion died for lack of support

Motion by Rios, supported by Hall, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk