

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2010

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

Members present: Rodney Austin, Frank Dockter (7:31pm), Leo Latus, John Miller, John Pleyer (7:31pm) and Ted Johnson.

Members absent: Rick Hall

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

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

Motion carried 4 – 0

Public Hearing:

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus to recess the workshop commission meeting to hold a public hearing to discuss an application for a community development block grant recovery program for area wide infrastructure project for well replacement and upgrading of some water mains.

Motion carried 4 – 0

The purpose of the project would be to replace drinking water well and loop the water mains improving the water quality, flow and increase capacity. The grant will be for 441,000.00, with a \$64,000 commitment from the City for a total cost of \$505,000.00 for the project. There were no questions or objections to moving forward with the project.

Motion by Miller, supported by Latus to close the public hearing and resume the workshop commission meeting.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Brenner Excavating is finishing the top coat of paving, plans to stripe the streets tomorrow also meeting to go over the punch list on the South/Oak Street project. Recommends approving pay estimate no. 003 in the amount of \$119,877.22
- Harold Schuitmaker, City Attorney – gave a recommendation to the Council to authorize the City Manager to seek bids for demolition of the Heart Theater at 29 West Main Street and put a lien against any settlement between the owners and insurance company. Based on information through mediation it will cost more to repair or demolish the property than it was worth prior to the accident.

Public Comment:

Tom Bennett, South Haver Street – would like an ordinance requiring dog owners to clean up after their dogs, while out walking in the City.

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Communications were:

- a. There will be an informational meeting on August 25, 2010, 7:00pm at the VBISD Conference center to discuss the proposed casino in Hartford Township.
- b. Van Buren County Commissioners are seeking public comments by August 24, 2010, 4:15pm in the VBCO Commission room regarding the 911 service plan.
- c. The handicap park benches built and donated by Sam Wheaton have been installed by DPW in Ely Park.
- d. The Recreation Council Millage put on the Hartford Township August primary ballot was not passed by the voters. This same millage was put on an earlier ballot and passed by City voters but will not go into effect because it was contingent on being passed by Hartford Township voters. The Township has turned down the Recreation Council's request to put the Millage back on the November ballot. The Township is discussing setting up a one time matching payment from their general fund for contractual services to the Recreation Council contingent on the City also paying them for contractual services. The City does not have this as a budgeted item nor does it have the funds to make it a budgeted item that is why it was sent to a vote of the people to raise funds through a millage.
- e. The 2009/2010 audit is complete and will be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept & Ordinance Report*** –
- ***Department of Public Works*** – Last week there was storm damage to the computer controls that take care of the flow of the water tower and iron plant, they have been temporarily repaired. Brenner Construction was hired to dig a sewer line across North Center Street beginning tomorrow.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** – The Mayor complimented on how well maintained the treatment plant is looking.
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** –
- ***List of Bills*** - \$423,945.50
- ***City Managers Report*** – South/Oak Street water improvement project; Proposed well replacement project; Predevelopment planning grant application; Proposed farmer's market project; Theater update.

Old Business: None Discussed

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New Business:

Motion by Miller, supported by Austin to adopt resolution 2010 – 009 approving a community development block grant recovery program application for \$441,000.00 to replace drinking water well and loop the pertinent water mains.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Motion by Austin, supported by Pleyer to authorize the City Manager to submit a notice of intent to apply for funding to develop a farmer's market.

Motion carried 6 – 0

- ❖ Pay estimate no. 003 to Brenner Excavating for \$119,877.22

Motion by Miller, supported by Pleyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk