

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2009

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

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

Members absent:

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

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

Motion carried

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – South Municipal Parking Lot has been milled. Consumers Energy will be replacing gas lines and service beginning on Friday August 21st. There was some confusion between the Contractor and Consumers on what Friday they were to begin. Storm sewer supplies have been delivered. Recommends approving pay estimate 001 for \$6,377.11 to Northern Construction for completed mill work. The pre-construction meeting for the West Main Street resurfacing will be September 21, 2009. Reith Riley was awarded the contract; they will have 20 working days to complete the project. Contractors are typically working four ten hour days depending on the weather.
- Diana McGrew – McGrew Assessing – Un-available, Manager Akinwale reported the assessor had proposed WODA plat the property so the renters would then be eligible to claim homestead exemption. A letter has been received from WODA's attorney stating it would be in violation of the governmental grants/loans used to fund the project. The committee will meet again August 18 at 1:30pm to further discuss options and additional information regarding a PIOLT program.

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- ❖ Confirmation from MDOT the West Main Street railroad crossing gates have been ordered and will be installed next spring.
- ❖ Consumer's energy has sent notification of a Public Hearing to seek cost recovery, in Lansing at the MPSC.
- ❖ The Knights of Columbus request permission to sell tootsie rolls October 9 – 11.
- ❖ Old Engine & Tractor Club request permission to have a parade on September 3 at 6:00pm
- ❖ Faulkner's have decided against tearing down the building on their property at South Center Street they may have an interested party to use the building. They will be removing the canopy and cooler, painting and installing no parking signs, the improvements should be complete by the end of September.
- ❖ Two letters of interest were received to fill Keyser's vacant commissioner's seat. Kathleen Jenks, North Center Street and John Miller, South Haver Street. The Commissioners would like to have both candidates present and will make a decision at the regular council meeting.

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Goals/Objectives

- ✓ A Public Hearing has been scheduled for August 24, 2009 at the regular council meeting to discuss the Façade Improvement Grant.

Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept Report*** – awarded the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant in the amount of \$206,671.00 in federal funds, the grant requires the City commit to one year of employment after the grant.
- ***Department of Public Works*** –
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** – a bearing went out on the RBC, the work has been completed to repair it and is guaranteed for 15 years. The company has recommended having a bearing replaced every year at a cost of about \$5,600. There was a story in the newspaper regarding the former operator who was found liable for practices not consistent with State requirements. DEQ did not find the City liable they have given the City a good report and are pleased with the current operators reporting practices.
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** – None submitted, due to the auditors and vacation.
- ***List of Bills*** - \$112,969.86
- ***City Managers Report*** – Du-Wel Site Update; North Center Street Railroad Crossing; Downtown Façade Improvement Project; Interlocal Agreement; South Parking Lot Re-construction; West Main Street Re-surfacing.

Old Business:

Revised Interlocal Recreation Council Agreement will be on the agenda for approval at the next council meeting. Keeler Township has decided not to participate and a few other changes requested by the municipalities, once approved and signed it will be sent to the State for an official seal.

New Business:

- I – 94 Corridor Interlocal Agreement – tentative meeting set for August 18 to begin the process of a joint planning commission. There is a major Corporation that has expressed interest in the property. The County is working on updating their solid waste plan and requirements in anticipation the Corporation interested in the Hartford site.

Motion by Rios, supported by Hall to adopt Resolution 2009 – 11 supporting a Hartford Recreation Council millage proposal on the November 3, 2009 ballot.

Motion carried

Motion by Hall, supported by Rios, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk