

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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 Rios, supported by Keyser, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Five bids were received for the South Municipal Parking Lot. Recommending awarding the contract to the low bidder Northern Construction Services, Niles at \$219,821.90. The completion date on this project is October 2, 2009. Also working with Consumer's Energy to coordinate replacing the gas lines during the project.
- Jennifer Carver, South Haven Senior Center – Provided a presentation and information on services. They would like to expand these services to all of Van Buren County and are proposing a millage for the August 2010 ballot.

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- ❖ Consumers Energy is seeking cost recovery on their electric services.
- ❖ Requesting the Council's approval to raise the mileage rate to the current federal level of \$0.50.5 per/mile, the City is currently paying \$0.45 per/mile
- ❖ The Duwell property on Heywood Street is now owned by the County, the previous owners have abandoned the property. MDEQ has done their assessment and submitted the finding to the federal level to be put on the site clean-up list.
- ❖ There are three Commission Seats available and the Mayors Seat open for the November 3, 2009 General Election, nominating petitions are due August 11, 2009 at 4:00p.m.
- ❖ A letter of resignation was submitted by Commissioner Debra Keyser effective July 28, 2009. She is moving out of the area.
- ❖ The Mayor presented the Council with a list of grants the City Manager has applied for over the eight years he has been with the City, totaling approximately \$3.5 million dollars.

Goals/Objectives

- ✓ A letter has been received from the Department of History clearing 7 West Main, 12 West Main and 27 West Main to receive grant monies for improvements.
- ✓ Seeking appointments from the four communities to the joint planning commission on the I – 94 Corridor project.

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Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept Report*** – the Commission requested a report from the ordinance officer each month to be included in the Council packets.
- ***Department of Public Works*** – requested the curbs be painted before fall.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** –
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** – None Submitted, due to the auditors being on site.
- ***List of Bills*** - \$122,220.78
- ***City Managers Report*** – Diagnostic Study Team Review; West Main Street Railroad Crossing; South Parking Lot re-construction project; Summer Youth Employment Workers; North Center Street Railroad Crossing; West Main Street re-construction; I – 94 Corridor Planning Development Update.

Old Business:

Motion by Keyser supported by Rios to postpone the approval/disapproval of Resolution #2009 – 009 until the regular meeting July 27, 2009.

New Business:

Motion by Keyser, supported by Hall to award the contract for the South Municipal Parking Lot Improvements MEDC Project no. 209001 – CDI to the low bidder Northern Construction Services, Corp. in the amount of \$219,821.90 as presented.

Motion carried

- Resolution of support; Fire Apparatus & Equipment millage renewal #2009 – 10

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

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk