

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 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 Miller, supported by Hall, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – Brenner Excavating is making good progress on the South/Oak Street project, they will be pouring curb and gutter on Wednesday, weather permitting. Recommends approving pay estimate no. 002 in the amount of \$91,487.80
- Craig Patterson and David Cooper, WODA Development – requesting for approval of a payment in lieu of taxes, they proposed paying 11% of gross income per year plus ½ of any profits at the end of each year as a service fee. The Council requested additional information from MSHDA and WODA before a decision can be made, the City Manager recommended it go to committee for a recommendation to the Council.

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- a. There has been interest in a farmer's market in the community; a committee has started one on Sunday afternoons in Ely Park. The State has notified the City there are monies available to purchase land, build and/or renovate an existing building for the purpose of a farmers market. There will be a 15% match required by the municipality, the Mayor appointed a committee of Pleyer, Austin, staff and himself to propose possibilities of pursuing the grant and how this would fit with in our community.
- b. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the Clerk's office by August 3, 2010 at 4:00pm to run for a City Commission seat at the November election.

Goals/Objectives: None Discussed

Reports submitted:

- ***Police Dept & Ordinance Report*** – Ordinance report was not available. Met with the officers to strategize how all the officer's can follow through with ordinance enforcement. Two bids were received for the 2007 police vehicle and was awarded to the highest bidder.
- ***Department of Public Works*** – Compliments were received for a quick job in cleaning up trees and brush after the storm.
- ***Waste Water Treatment Plant*** –
- ***Treasurers & Investment Report*** – auditors are at City Hall completing the audit.

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- **List of Bills** - \$132,051.56
- **City Managers Report** – ARRA/CDBG grant application for the installation of a new well; North Center Street railroad crossing, the railroad owners have not signed the contract which may delay the project until next year; South/Oak Street Project; 2009/2010 Audit; Proposed Ely Park Development Project; Hartford Theatre, owners are exploring options to demolish the building.

Old Business:

- ❖ Van Buren County health & cemetery drain.

New Business:

- ❖ Charles Gress appointment to Board's of review and election.
- ❖ Appoint Joanne Newnum, Cynthia Vasquez, Maureen Cole-Nichols, Margaret Pomeroy, William Richardson, Kathleen Jenks, Mary Harp and Elaine McCabe as Election Inspectors for the City.
- ❖ Pay estimate no. 002 to Brenner Excavating for \$91,487.80

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 P.M.

Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk