

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2011

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

Members present: Rodney Austin, Rick Hall, Leo Latus, John Miller, John Pleyer, and Ted Johnson.

Members absent: Frank Dockter (excused)

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

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to approve the agenda as amended to include discussion on Council appointments to various boards.

Motion carried 6 – 0

Guests:

- Mickey Bittner, Wightman & Associates – weather permitting the contractor will begin work on the well house #6 at the iron removal plant.

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- a. Aric Nesbitt, 80th District State Representative sent a letter complimenting Linda Gray the City Treasure on a job well done during these hard fiscal times.
- b. Interlocal Recreation Board Meeting at City Hall, Wednesday, March 22, 7:00pm
- c. Request for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals was submitted by Jeff Fuller
- d. Information was given to the Council as to the number of Hardship Exemptions given by the Board of Review in the past.
- e. Request from the Attorney representing the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians for a member appointment to establish a revenue sharing board. Meeting will be held March 30, 3:00pm at the Hartford Township Hall.
- f. The Commission received a legal opinion regarding the City's directional sign ordinance.
- g. Congressman Fred Upton will be in the area for a Listening Tour at various locations on March 22, 23 and 24.
- h. The Clerk expressed appreciation for support from Council and Staff, while attending the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's Institute last week. This is a completion of the first of a three year institute for certification.

Goals/Objectives

- Requesting reclassification of major Streets to be recognized by the State, if the State reclassifies some major streets the City may be eligible for additional funding, this will free up local street funds to be used for repairs.
- A tentative contract has been reached with the Police Labor Union

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Reports submitted:

- *Police Dept & Ordinance Report* –
- *Department of Public Works* – changed out 20 light bulbs and ballasts on the west main street lights, some of the lights are mercury vapor which are not interchangeable with the high pressure sodium, so will work towards replacement as they go out and time allows.
- *Waste Water Treatment Plant* –
- *Treasurers & Investment Report* –
- *List of Bills* - \$113,502.72
- *City Managers Report* –Proposed Ely Park Development, the contract has not been received from the State which may delay construction until fall or next spring so as not to interfere with the summer activities; Proposed South Center Street Improvement, working on combining two projects scheduled for 2012 and 2014 to coincide, adding a turn lane, purchase of an energy efficient street sweeper, repaving and adding a walking/bicycle lane to begin in 2012; Water/Sewer agreement for the Casino, waiting on MDNRE approval of permits; Police Officers Labor Council, tentative agreement was reached.

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Invitation from Attorney David M. Peterson, requesting member appointment to Local Revenue Sharing Board for the Casino.

Motion by Miller, supported by Pleyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.
Motion carried 6 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk