

CITY OF HARTFORD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 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,

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

Motion carried 7 – 0

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Communications were:

- a. Attorney Schuitmaker gave the council three options regarding the 29 West Main Street, Theater building. After some discussion the Council felt the third option was the best fit for the City.

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller to proceed with option three and begin the law suit against the owners and insurance companies regarding the damaged building at 29 West Main Street.

Motion carried 7 – 0
- b. The owner of 27 West Main Street is interested in obtaining a liquor license to sell beer & wine. The City does not have any more liquor licenses available but under public act 501 they will qualify for a re-development liquor license at a cost of \$20,000 with an application to the liquor control commission. The City will have to pass a resolution to support the application.
- c. The Hartford Township Board turned down a request by the Recreation Council/Interlocal Board to put a millage on the November ballot, but have decided to pay out of it's general fund a match of what ever the City may give. City voters have already approved a ¼ millage contingent upon the same millage passed in the township; While it may be permissible to purchase contractual services of this nature the City does not have it in the budget to purchase this as a contractual item and it was passed by the voters to be collected as a millage, the City Attorney has sent a letter to the Hartford Township Attorney informing them of the City's position.
- d. The Van Buren Board of Commissioners will have a public hearing on December 13, regarding the 911 agreement between the County and South Haven.
- e. The Hartford Lions Club has requested to have the 9th Annual Christmas in the Park on December 11 and lighted Parade.

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Goals/Objectives:

Working on closing out the South Parking lot and the South/Oak Streets water improvement projects and beginning the well improvement/replacement project.

Reports submitted:

- *Police Dept & Ordinance Report* –
- *Department of Public Works* – Staunton on Vacation
- *Waste Water Treatment Plant* –
- *Treasurers & Investment Report* – None Submitted, the treasurer was on vacation.
- *List of Bills* - \$302,185.34
- *City Managers Report* – Well replacement, should be ready to award the contract at a November meeting; Joint Master Plan with the Township; Predevelopment Planning Project, assessment of the Sewer /Water Plants; Proposed Casino Project.

Old Business: None Discussed

New Business:

- Commissioner Austin brought before the council for discussion the Ordinance Enforcement Position; he feels there is no need to have a designated officer or individual to perform these specific duties. Jeff Fuller, 24 Mary Street also made comments regarding the ordinance officer position.

Introduction of Ordinances & Resolutions; Public Hearings:

- Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 92.03 Leash Requirements, a few changes were made by the council, the first reading will be at the regular meeting.

Motion by Hall, supported by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M.
Motion carried 7 – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk